

Mark Norris

BA in political science (St Francis Xavier)

MLA (2001-2004)

Minister of Economic Development

Mark Norris wasn't a member of the Legislature when the government passed Bill 40, but he says that the bill should be repealed to give students better assurances about tuition.

"I would like to enshrine tuition back into legislation. I think it's important that government officials have a say in what's going on," Norris says.

Still, Norris believes that the former tuition policy, which allowed postsecondary institutions to increase tuition by up to 30 per cent of their operating budget, was not effective, and ten to 15 per cent would be a better goal.

"A well-educated work force is obviously more healthy, more productive," Norris says. "I think when we allowed the universities and colleges to go to 30 per cent—and they all did—that's really what hammered the affordability of postsecondary education."

He explains that the recent debate between the equal distribution of new student spaces between Edmonton and Calgary is a moot point.

"I don't think they ever will be provided equally. I think that was a red herring from the get-go," he says.

Norris points to the fact that the University of Alberta has historically been larger, providing a greater diversity of programs than the University of Calgary, and went on to say that institutions in the province should be given spaces based on demand rather than focusing on a balanced distribution.

"It's not logical for a government to say one size fits all," Norris

says.

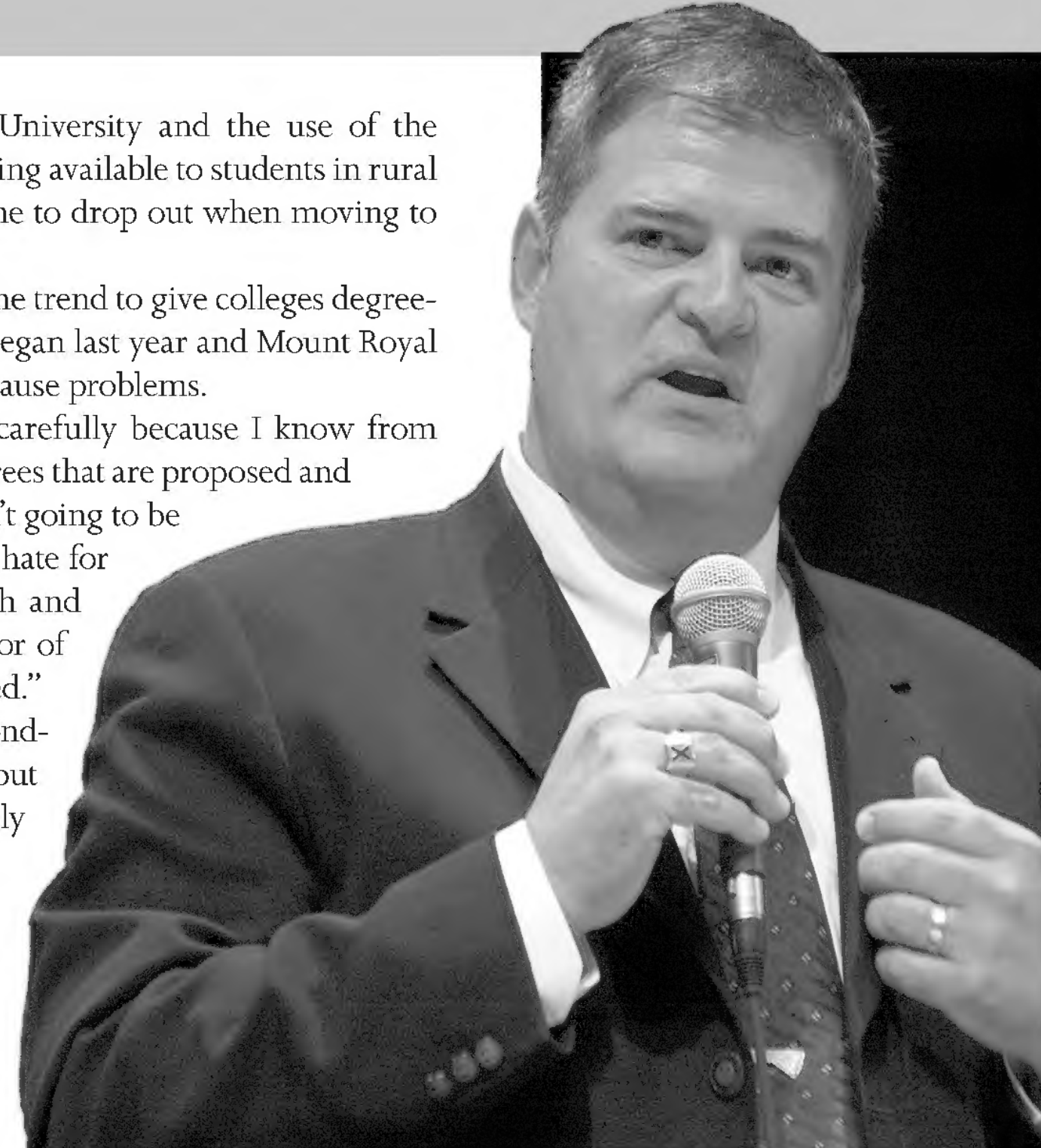
Norris suggests that Athabasca University and the use of the SuperNet makes long distance learning available to students in rural communities, which are often prone to drop out when moving to the city to attend university.

However, Norris cautioned that the trend to give colleges degree-granting status—Grant MacEwan began last year and Mount Royal is moving in that direction—may cause problems.

"I think we have to tread very carefully because I know from some research that some of the degrees that are proposed and coming out of Grant MacEwan aren't going to be recognized," Norris says. "I would hate for Alberta students to go down a path and think they're going to get a Bachelor of Arts degree that won't be recognized."

He went on to say that postsecondary education isn't a cost pressure, but an investment that would ultimately benefit all Albertans.

Once we get people understanding that the whole of society benefits by a great, healthy post-secondary education system, I think we're far better off," Norris says.

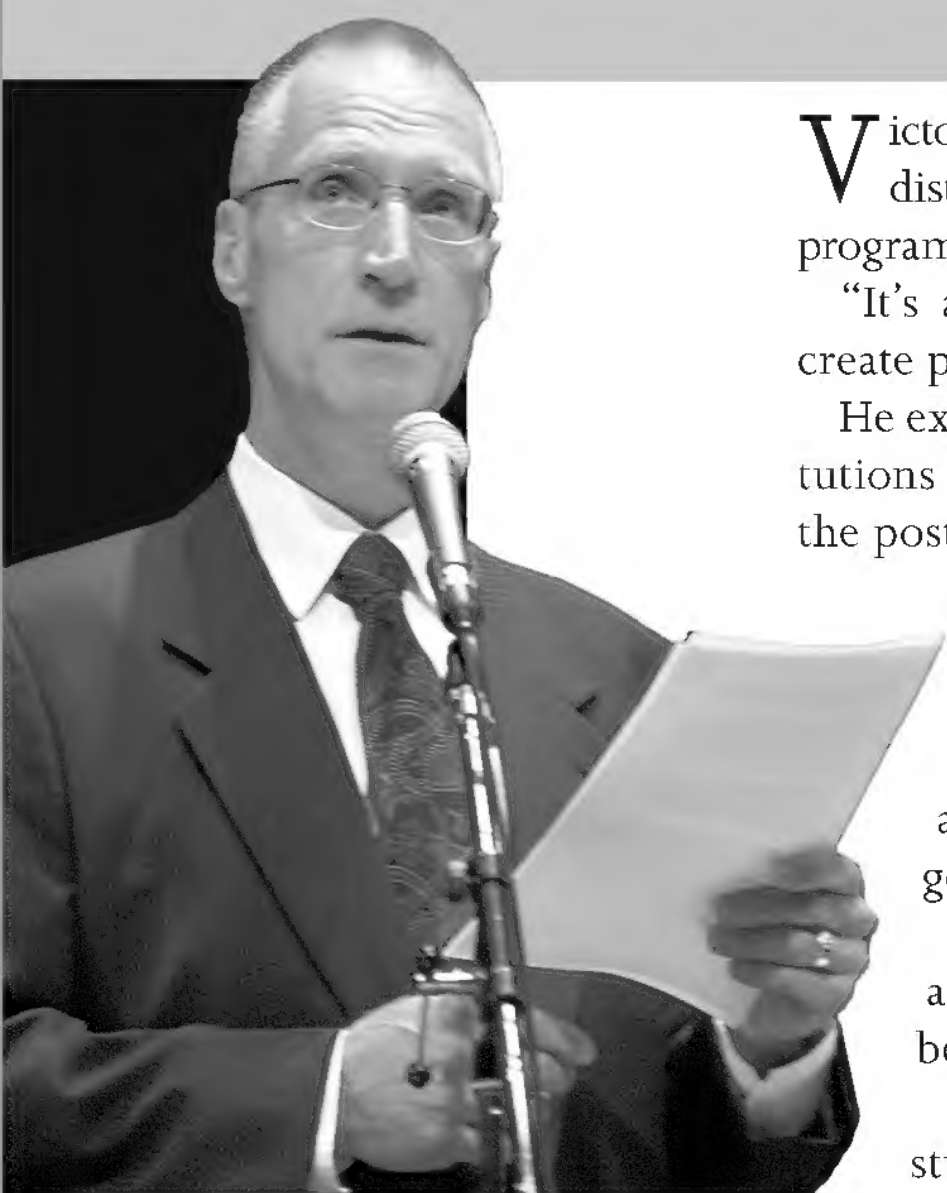


Victor Doerksen

Certified General Accountant

MLA (1993-Present)

Minister of Innovation and Science



Victor Doerksen, MLA for Red Deer-South, is a supporter of distance education, and hopes to expand upon the existing programs and resources to create more spaces for students.

"It's a way to create spaces without having to necessarily create physical spaces," he says.

He explains that expanding upon partnerships between institutions across the province can give students greater access to the postsecondary system.

The ongoing tuition debate has students demanding more funding from government, but Doerksen is of the mind that students should be contributing about 30 per cent of the cost—a few percentage points above the current state of affairs—leaving the rest to the government and taxpayers.

"I think that it's quite appropriate for students to bear a portion of their education. It's a shared responsibility between students and other taxpayers," Doerksen says.

Doerksen says that the greatest cost burden to rural students in particular isn't tuition costs, but that they

have to leave home and find accommodations in the city.

"The way to address that really is to look at the current limits we put around the student finance or the student loans to make sure we have the appropriate room and board figures there in terms of what the actual cost is when they're making an application," Doerksen notes.

He goes on to say that barriers to the student finance system often affect students from middle-income homes.

"Parents are expected to contribute a certain amount for their kid's education. I think that needs to be reviewed as well because I think for kids from middle-income homes, that's providing a bit of a barrier," Doerksen says.

Doerksen voted in favour of Bill 40 and says that having tuition out of legislation shouldn't be a matter of concern to students.

"I think that through regulation you can actually make it more responsive to the particular needs of the time," Doerksen says. "I would certainly engage student leaders from all the institutions in any changes that would be made to regulation."

Gary McPherson

Honourary Doctor of Laws (U of A)

Order of Canada

Though Gary McPherson has never been an elected member of the Legislature, he served as an appointed member of government as chairman on the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. McPherson, who contracted polio when he was nine years old, is also a presence on the U of A campus, drawing on his life experience to give lectures in a plethora of courses and providing an advisory role in the Faculty of Physical Education & Recreation.

McPherson says that making postsecondary more affordable takes a political commitment.

"Words are one thing, but action is another, and I recognize as well as most that tuition challenges for students and the crippling debt that they come out of university and colleges with is totally unacceptable. You can't get started in life when you're under a mountain of debt," McPherson says.

He suggests creating a personal education savings plan, which would give young people who decided to work instead of pursuing postsecondary studies the incentive to return to school.

McPherson says that by using technology, the government is reaching students across the province, with projects like the Lois Hole digital library and the SuperNet.

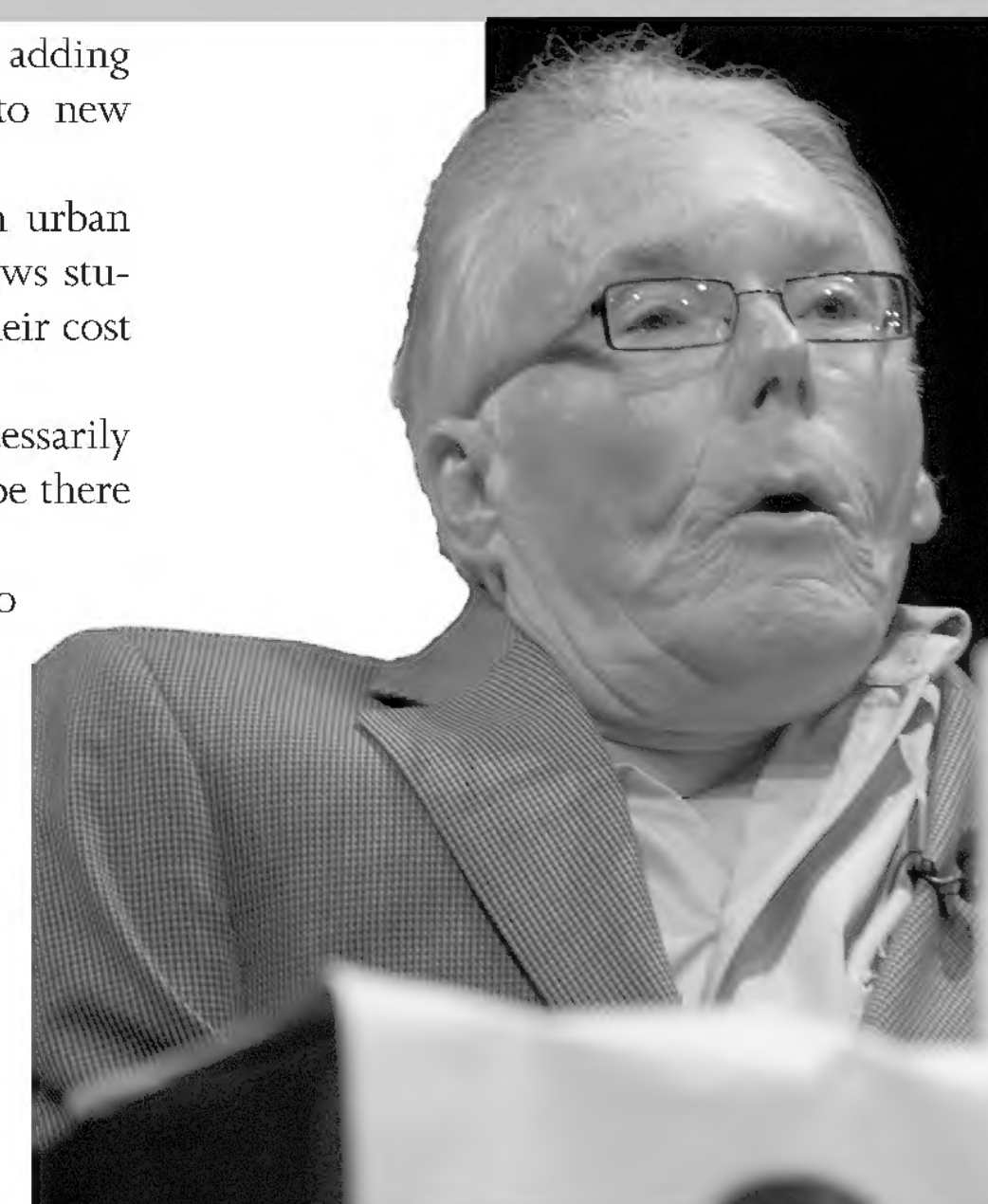
"I think technology is significant," McPherson says, adding that the government should invest more money into new technologies.

He goes on to say that improving student spaces in urban centres comes with the additional challenge that it draws students away from their communities, which increases their cost of living.

"Just because you have more physical space doesn't necessarily make it that much better because students still have to be there and that costs money to be there," he says.

Again, McPherson points to technology as a means to improve the delivery of education.

"We have to look at every way that we can open up more spaces, and distance [education] does allow us to reach more people. It also allows you to take quality faculty and bring it to the students, as opposed to any faculty member," McPherson says. "We have to be very creative about how we do that. People's time is very precious [and] we have to allow education to be flexible in real time so that we can allow people to other things as well."



WHO'S WHO IN CIS SOCCER

Compiled by Dan Plouffe, CUP Sports Bureau Chief

Alberta Golden Bears

National ranking: First
Conference: CW
2006 record: 9-0-5
Playoffs: 0-2
Nationals trip: eleventh
Medals: three gold, six silver, one bronze

Montréal Carabins

National ranking: Second
Conference: QSSF
2006 record: 9-0-3
Playoffs: 2-0
Nationals trip: fourth
Medals: one bronze

Toronto Varsity Blues

National ranking: Seventh
Conference: OUA
2006 record: 8-3-3
Playoffs: 3-1
Nationals trip: ninth
Medals: one gold, one silver, one bronze

Western Ontario Mustangs

National ranking: Ninth
Conference: OUA
2006 record: 9-2-3
Playoffs: 3-0
Nationals trip: ninth
Medals: one gold, two silver, one bronze

New Brunswick Varsity Reds

National ranking: Not ranked
Conference: AUS
2006 record: 7-3-3
Playoffs: 3-0
Nationals trip: fifth
Medals: one gold

Laval Rouge et Or

National ranking: Not ranked
Conference: QSSF
2006 record: 5-1-6
Playoffs: 1-1
Nationals trip: second
Medals: none

St. Mary's Huskies

National ranking: Not ranked
Conference: AUS
2006 record: 7-3-3
Playoffs: 2-1
Nationals trip: tenth
Medals: four silver, two bronze

Trinity Western Spartans

National ranking: Not ranked
Conference: CW
2006 record: 7-5-2
Playoffs: 2-0
Nationals trip: second
Medals: one bronze

CIS Final Top Ten

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|----------------|------------|
| 1) Alberta | 6) Queen's |
| 2) Montréal | 7) Toronto |
| 3) Brock | 8) Calgary |
| 4) UBC | 9) Western |
| 5) Cape Breton | 10) UPEI |

Bears look for soccer redemption

National hosts out to prove that pair of playoff losses—and not their unbeaten season—were the fluke



FILE PHOTO: NICK WIEBE

GETTING THEIR KICKS IN The Bears will be looking to put it past their competition as they host the CIS men's soccer national championships this weekend.

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI
Sports Staff

A week ago the Golden Bears soccer team was on top as the only undefeated team in Canada West, ranked first in the nation and looked confident and poised to capture their first CIS National title in three years. Just seven days, two decisive defeats and a disappointing fourth-place finish at the Canada West finals later, that slightly overconfident Alberta team has been replaced.

In their place sits a Bears squad trying to regroup after its first big dose of adversity all season and trying to once again find its offence. Meanwhile, the team welcomes the best of the Canadian university soccer world to campus this weekend for the CIS Championship tournament. Alberta head coach Len Vickery believes that the teams 9-0-5 regular season record masks just how mentally tough and resilient the team has been all year long.

"It wasn't as if we went through the season without any trouble," Vickery

said. "We had some truly competitive games throughout the Canada West, that's why it makes it quite remarkable that we went undefeated through a 14-game schedule when, at the time, three of the other [Canada West] teams were nationally ranked. It wasn't [a season] without its problems and challenges."

While Alberta may have had some difficult contests in arguably the toughest conference in CIS soccer, the twin defeats last weekend at the hands of the University of British Columbia and the eventual Canada West Champions, Trinity Western University, exposed some problems in the Bears offensive game. For the first time in three games against TWU, the Bears were held off the score sheet, and they failed to convert key chances against UBC.

"We've always created the offensive opportunities this year, but at times our finishing hasn't been there, there's no question," Vickery admitted. "While the defence can keep you in a game, it's your attacking play that's going to win you the game."

While they may have had the luxury of being able to look ahead last weekend knowing they were guaranteed a spot in nationals, the Bears won't get that opportunity this time around; the CIS tournament is a single elimination contest. With the transition away from the round-robin format previously used to decide the CIS finalists, every team has the potential to be upset this weekend, something Vickery thinks makes it hard to choose a favourite coming into the tournament.

"We saw a very good Trinity Western squad at the Canada West championships and they could be a factor, Montréal is now the only undefeated team, and they've been to the national championships in each of the last few years," Vickery said. "But they're up against a very strong University of Toronto squad, so there will not be an easy game for anyone at this national championship and ... [with the change in format] even a lesser light might be able to cause an upset."

The Bears won't have the luxury

of about facing a weaker team when they open the tournament today against the Ontario University Athletics champions the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. With an offence paced by CIS leading scorer Jason De Thomasis and a perfect 3-0 playoff record, Western Ontario will provide a tough challenge for the hosts.

"Western's got a strong history in the CIS National Championships, much the same as we do," Vickery noted.

For Alberta to win the game they'll have to wind back the clock a week and rediscover the same confidence and execution that lead them atop the Canada West in the regular season, ignore the weather and embrace the pressures of trying to capture a championship on their home field.

"There's a little bit of pressure, as there is for every player and every team at the tournament this weekend because of the challenge of the competition," Vickery said. "But to balance that off, we're more familiar in our own surroundings."

BEAR BITES

• Golden Bears head coach Len Vickery was named Canada West Coach of the Year this season for his part in guiding the Bears to a 9-0-5 regular season record.

• Joining Vickery in collecting conference hardware this season was second-year midfielder Junior Castrillion-Rendon. His eight goals, good for tops in the conference, and three assists helped earn him the Canada West MVP.

• Defender Eric Kuhn joined Castrillion-Rendon on the first-team conference

all-star team, while teammates Mark Korthuis, John Konye and first-year Harman Braich all wound up on the second-team.

• Alberta wasn't the only team in this tournament to bring home some serious conference hardware. Canada West champions Trinity Western placed two athletes—Diaz Kambere and Nicola Perugini—on the top all-star team and a third—Stefan Leslie—on the second team. Leslie took home Rookie of the Year honours, and teammate Perugini took home the Student-Athlete Award.

• Saint Mary's players Eduardo Farias and Perry Harvey, along with UNB defender Ryan Slaney are representing the AUS all-conference team. The AUS awards were dominated by the Cape Breton Capers, who were upset in the conference semifinals.

• Western's Jason De Thomasis enters the tournament as the CIS leading scorer with nine goals. Montréal's Boubacar Coulibaly tied for the lead in the QSSF with seven goals, and Hugh Mosher from SMU finished second in AUS scoring with eight goals.

SCHEDULE

Thursday November 9, 2006

- A) 10am TWU vs SMU, Clarke
B) 10am Montreal vs Toronto, Foote
C) 1pm UNB vs Laval, Clarke
D) 1pm Western vs Alberta, Foote

Friday November 10, 2006

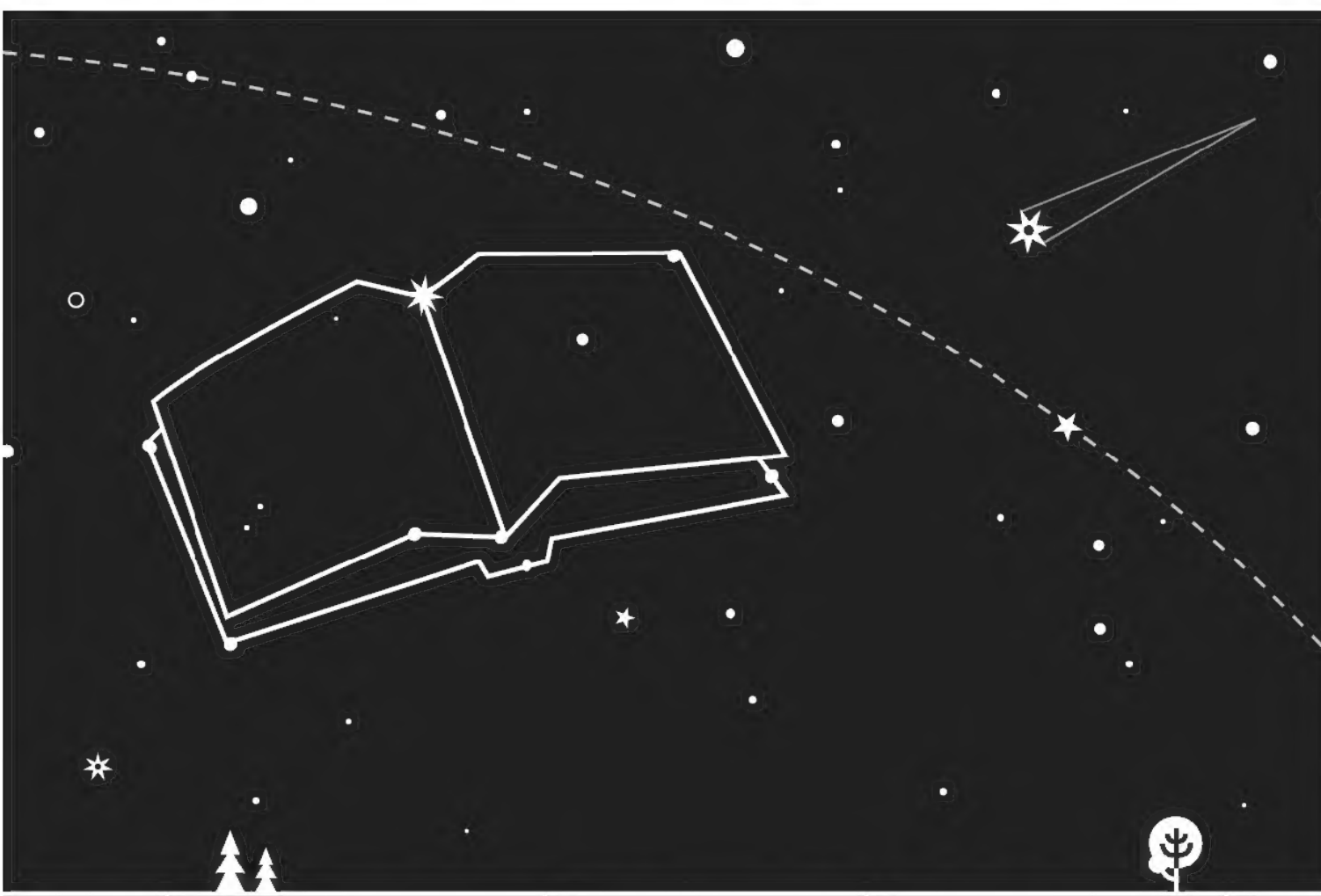
- 10am Loser A vs Loser B, Clarke
10am Loser C vs Loser D, Foote
1pm Winner A vs Winner B, Clarke
1pm Winner C vs Winner D, Foote

Saturday November 11, 2006

- 1pm 5th Place Game, Foote

Sunday November 12, 2006

- 10am Bronze Medal Game, Foote
1pm Gold Medal Game, Foote



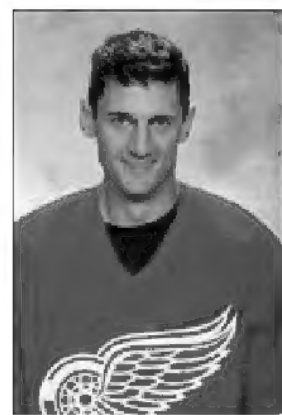
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SET US UP THE BLOCK The Pandas have been getting contributions from all areas of their game en route to a 4-0 record.

Surging volley Pandas host fading Winnipeg Wesmen

JANELLE SLOYCHUK
Sports Writer

When the volleyball Pandas host the Winnipeg Wesmen this weekend, it will be a matchup between a pair of teams headed in opposite directions.

The seventh-ranked Wesmen began their season on an uncertain note as they split a season-opening series against UBC only to fall in straight sets against the Manitoba Bisons in a lone game this weekend.

Alternatively, fourth-ranked Alberta opened the season with a more vigorous debut, posting a 4-0 record and losing only two sets all season. The Pandas made quick work of the Brandon Bobcats and fifth-ranked Regina Cougars in weekend sets this season, thanks in large part to a pair of third-year hitters.

"On the stats for sure you look at Jocelyn Blair and Tiffany Dodds carrying a fair bit of the offensive load and

[they] are kind of problem solvers for us," Pandas coach Laurie Eisler said.

While Blair and Dodds are ranked fifth and sixth in Canada West in kills per game, it's Winnipeg's Nicola Dirks that is ranked number one in the country with an average of 6.5 points per game, including non-conference play.

"Winnipeg is always a good team," Eisler said. "They have a very strong power hitter in Dirks—definitely a player we're going to have to be ready for."

While the Wesmen attack will rely heavily on Dirks, Eisler feels that her team is able to spread the ball and offer a more balanced attack. Grant MacEwan transfer Samantha Wojtkiw is sixth in the conference in hitting percentage, and fellow middle Alexa Berton isn't far behind in eighth.

"They all have their times when they're leading the charge," Eisler said. "I'm happy with what the middles are bringing and Darryl Roper has done a

really awesome job in her first year as the starting setter for the team."

Eisler has good reason to credit the third-year setter from St. Albert who has proven her worth this season through a well-balanced skill set, boasting 146 assists and 33 digs. The Pandas have also found emerging young players in Berton, a second-year, and first-year left-side Tiffany Proudfoot. Despite her youth, Proudfoot has established herself as one of Alberta's most consistent athletes.

"We're getting more consistent although we have our moments [where we aren't]. We are recovering out of them quite well," Eisler said. "We're balanced in our play: we're distributing the ball a little more evenly and I think [we're] more balanced in all aspects of the game."

The Panda's first set against the Wesmen is served up on Friday at 8pm with the second game to follow on Saturday at 6:30pm.

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C IS FOR CAPTAIN Harlan Anderson’s leadership has been key for the nine Golden Bears rookies this season.

Anderson carrying the load for depleted hockey Bears

TREVOR PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

When it was time for the Golden Bears hockey team to lean on their veterans, they answered the call. With injuries tearing through the locker room and a number of freshmen in the lineup, the Bears needed experience more than ever to get a two-game sweep of the Manitoba Bisons two weeks ago.

The Bears say that it was a team effort, but leadership can come in a variety of forms and none more important than the quiet confidence that their new captain, fourth-year defenceman Harlan Anderson brings to the table.

Anderson scored a goal and five assists in the victories, and was named the Hudsons On Campus Athlete of the Week. It was the latest in a string of accolades for the Vernon, BC product, who was named tournament MVP of last year’s CIS championships.

“When Gavin McCleod got injured, my minutes went up; I scored some goals and had a pretty good week,” Anderson recalls. “But I don’t know who was picking the MVP because it could have went to any of our guys.”

Since he received the extra responsibility after McCleod’s injury,

it was no surprise that with the graduations of McCleod and Canada West Defenseman of the Year Chris Ovington, Anderson would be thrust right into a prominent leadership role this season.

“For the first eight regular season games this year, Harlan has been the only veteran we’ve had on defence,” Bears head coach Eric Thurston says. “So, there is a lot riding on Harlan this year, he’s got to put up the numbers—which he’s been doing; he’s got to log big minutes, and he’s got to be a leader on and off the ice.”

Because this isn’t Anderson’s first time as captain of an elite level hockey club, the adjustment hasn’t been that difficult. As a member of the Moose Jaw Warriors in 2002 Anderson became the captain at the age of 20, joining a list of distinguished NHLers to don the Warrior C, including Edmonton Oilers Ryan Smyth and Kelly Buchberger.

“Anytime you get a chance to wear the C it can be a little bit humbling, even looking at the guys who have worn it here is pretty special,” Anderson admits. “But as for Moose Jaw it was good experience but it helps to be surrounded by a good bunch of guys.”

“He’s not an overbearing captain, he won’t get in your face, he just

has a quiet confidence about him,” Bears defensive coach Serge Lajoie says of Anderson. “A guy that comes to mind is Steve Yzerman who was never too boisterous and always had his emotions in check ... I see a lot of those same characteristics in Harlan.”

Anderson’s quiet persona and attention to detail may cause him to go unnoticed by the media, but in the locker room his words are never unheard.

“He’s a good captain and he’s not afraid to step up in the room,” Anderson’s defensive partner Derek Price says. “Because he’s so relaxed he never gets too high or too low. He’s good in all aspects.”

“Harlan has taken it upon himself to be a leader out there and he really leads by example,” Lajoie adds. “He’s doing a lot of the little things that we need for him to do ... I don’t think he has played his best hockey yet but he is certainly improving.”

With the defensive-minded Regina Cougars skating their way into Clare Drake arena for a two-game set this weekend, look for Anderson and the rest of the Bears to have a little more jump in their step after a much needed weekend off.

The puck drops at 7:30pm on both Friday and Saturday night.

SPORTS SHORTS

Written by Paul Owen

Bears Basketball

The Bears start divisional play by heading to the land of wheat and grain to tackle the Saskatchewan Huskies. The toughest task for the Bears will be handling Husky all-Canadian Andrew Spagrud, whose change from a flop-top to a buzz cut has had an anti-Samsonic effect. Spags put up 39 on UCFV to open the season and dropped 27 more on TRU the next night to lead the conference in scoring.

Pandas Basketball

Like their male counterparts, the Pandas will also head to the City of Seven

Bridges to do battle with some dogged opponents. Similar to the troubles the Bears will face, the Pandas must contend with senior national women’s team member Sarah Crooks, who torched the Pandas in the four meetings between Alberta and Saskatchewan last season. Crooks is currently second in conference scoring after putting up 25 points per game in the opening weekend. She tops the conference rebounding charts after picking up a whopping 32 in her first two games.

Rowing

The U of A Rowing Club just finished competing in the Canadian University Rowing Championships where Christine Bennett was named Oarswoman of the Year by the Canadian University Rowing Association. Bennett also won gold in the lightweight women’s single at the event, her third major medal of the season.

Fantasy Hockey

After dispatching of Chloé “Lehtonen screwed me” Fedio this past week and moving into third place a mere six points behind the league leader, my squad faces its toughest task yet by taking on that first place team: David Berry’s Funtime Orchestra, last season’s champion. Dave is employing a different strategy this season by trading away all his goalies and accepting that he’ll automatically lose three categories every week. In return he hopes to be able to sweep the scoring categories. The rest of us just think that he’s an idiot.

Shorts

While Ashy and Natalie argue the merits of full-bum panties versus thongs, I’m rocking out with the Looney Tunes brand boxers with Taz on them. And yes, there is some strategically placed slobber.

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Wesmen pose first test for Bears

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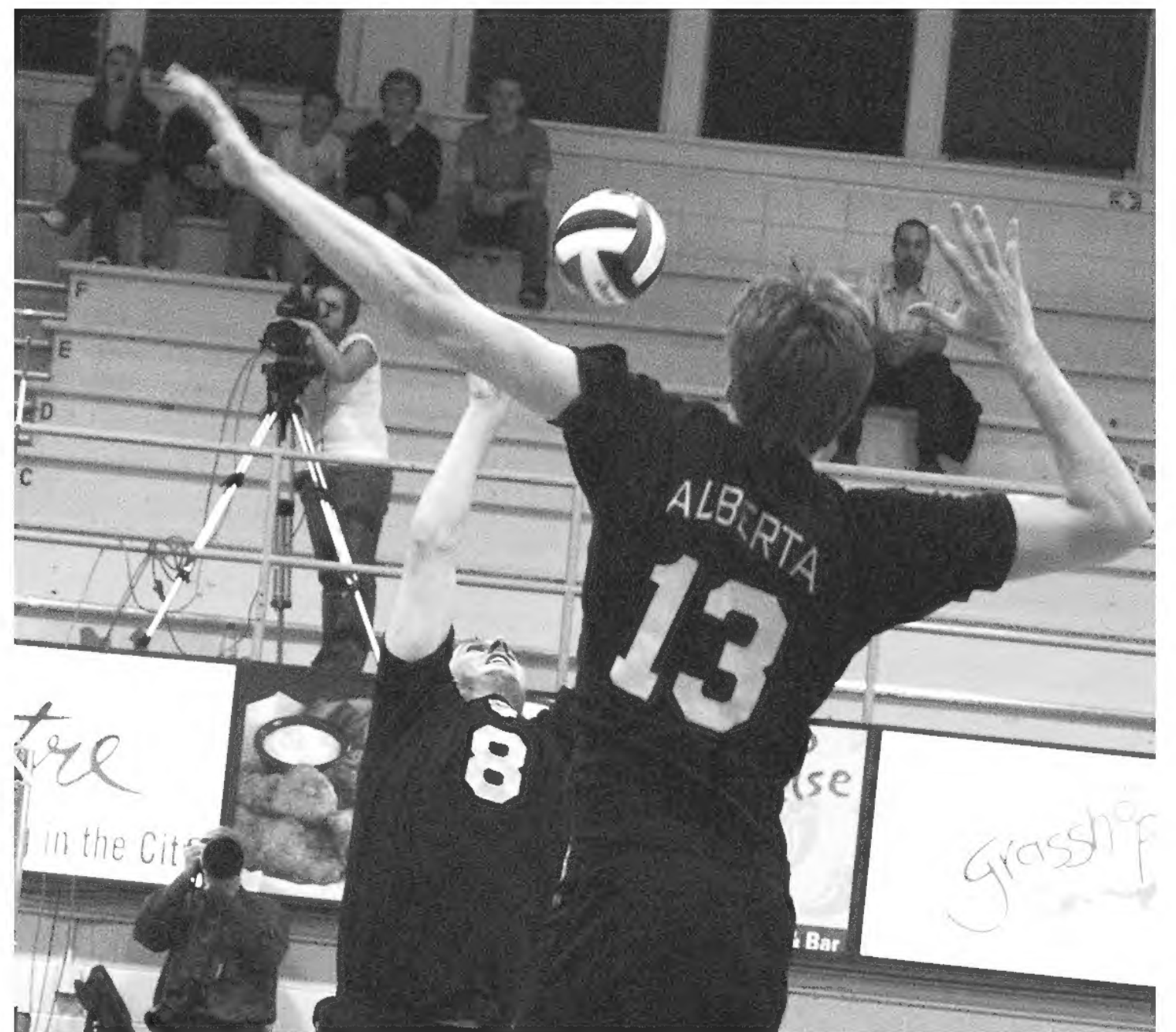
While university has been in session for more than two months now, the Bears volleyball team has yet to have a real test. Their toughest competition has come in pre-season tilts, and Alberta's first four games against Brandon and Regina, schools that aren't known for their volleyball prowess, were more like pop-quizzes for the perennially strong Golden Bears squad. However, two matches against the Winnipeg Wesmen this weekend will be the first real exam for the Bears in the 2006/07 volleyball campaign.

"The games against Brandon we executed very well but they didn't all of the time, so it can be a challenge to play well against teams that don't really push you," Bears head coach Terry Danyluk said of Alberta's early contests. "I thought we got complacent last weekend [against Regina] so I don't think [our first regular season games] were a true test."

This weekend's contests will be a battle of two undefeated teams. Alberta, ranked second in CIS, hasn't lost a set in the regular season and comes in with an overall record of 12-2. Winnipeg also boasts an impressive overall record of 11-3, and is undefeated in the regular season after beating solid clubs in Manitoba and UBC early on to earn themselves a third-place ranking in the country.

"Winnipeg is very well coached and I think they're a scrappy team," Danyluk said. "They're a team that returned pretty much their entire lineup from last year so it's a team with a lot of continuity and one of the top-ranked teams in the country—I think this will be our first true test of the year."

While Winnipeg fronts a veteran squad this year, Alberta hasn't had



FILE PHOTO: ANDREW RURAK

NEED A CHALLENGE The Bears haven't faced a tough team this season.

that advantage with the loss of five graduating players and two veterans to the national team. Typically this would signal a year of rebuilding while the team members learned to gel as a unit, but Danyluk noted that his team's early cohesiveness has surprised critics.

"I'm sure there probably are some people who are surprised [that we've been playing well so far] but the quality of athletes we've had return and the ones that came into the program are good guys," Danyluk said. "Maybe how well we're playing together at this stage has surprised some people because I think we've been clicking pretty well, and that might be the biggest surprise: that it's happened as fast as it has."

Winnipeg might also view these matches this weekend as a way to prove that they belong amongst the top volleyball squads in Canada West.

Over the last three seasons the Wesmen have steadily improved—posting a combined record of 28-32 since the 2003/04 season. Winnipeg was ranked as high as third in Canada last year and tenth at the end of the regular season, but they had always been in the shadow of other strong Canada West teams, like Alberta and Trinity Western, who've dominated the court for several years. This year may mark the first time the Wesmen are a legitimate threat.

"I think Winnipeg is one of the best teams in the country this year so I would say that they will be competing for the Canada West title this year, for sure," Danyluk said. "There's a lot of teams that are good in Canada West and there's not a lot of separation so [Winnipeg] is definitely a contender."

The matches begin at 6:30pm Friday and 8pm Saturday in the Main Gym.

Cross-country teams hope to break away from field at Nationals

NICK FROST
Sports Staff

It's been a long, arduous road for both the Bears and Pandas cross-country teams this year, but with the CIS championships looming, the team is looking to put a positive spin on the ending of what has been a season otherwise filled with negatives.

Having started the season without many of the veterans from last year's team, and uncertainty about a good number of rookies, it seemed that this team may not be as capable of putting up the kind of results as some of its predecessors (the men's team has medalled or threatened to in four of the past six years). If that weren't enough, the team has been decimated by injuries this season.

"Injuries have made our team weaker this year," Reed explained. "We lost some key members of our program to injuries that couldn't be helped—not to training injuries, but freak injuries. Terra Manca probably would've been our second-fastest [woman] runner, and maybe would've even challenged for first, but she ended up with a stress fracture in her ankle. And then, Mike Metcalfe, who has always been in our top-three [men], has had some real bad problems with his ankles this year. He's still going to go to the CIS Championships, but it'll be a gutsy performance—one of those things

that's mind over matter."

However, despite being plagued with significant injuries throughout the season, on top of everything else, both the Bears and Pandas squads managed to stay extremely focused and have looked to the remainder of their runners to pick up the slack. Ian Manyfingers won the University of Regina Cougar Trot Open and fourth at a meet in Saskatoon this year while establishing himself as the top Bear this season.

"Ian Manyfingers had been incredible this year. He's been inspiring for the whole team and he's just been running like a man with a mission. This is his last year, and I think his mandate is being able to go out there and definitely be an All-Canadian, but maybe even try to win the whole thing," Reed explained.

On the women's side, Laura Wilson, a transfer from McGill, has provided experience for a young squad.

"Laura Wilson has come into our program and become a really great leader," Reed said. "This is her fifth year, too, so it'll be great to see her put on a good show and maybe even beat some of her old McGill teammates."

The tenacity of both of Alberta's teams will be put to the test at this Saturday's CIS championships. Both the Bears and Pandas teams are excited, though, at the prospect of going in with something to prove—that they are still one of the better teams in the

country and that they aren't that easily hampered.

"They're all really positive and really excited," Reed said. "To be able to go out to Québec City and even be a little bit of an underdog is a good feeling. People haven't really picked us to do much this year; whereas, in years past, people have been gunning for our guys and nobody's given our Pandas team much respect. I think that, this year, we've got one of the strongest Pandas teams that we've had in, probably, four or five years, and our guys team is still really strong."

As far as stacking up against the competition, Alberta believes they should be a formidable opponent to their eastern rivals because while the teams from out East still pose a threat to finish in the top three, they may not be as much of a force as they have been in years past.

"Guelph is a powerhouse this year, and has been a powerhouse for the last couple of years. With a lot of the eastern teams, though, some are up and some are down. It's one of those years where the strong teams, like Windsor, are having kind of an off-year, whereas they had been dominant for the last four or five years. So, it'll be nice to see ourselves maybe a little more competitive with them," Reed said.

The CIS Championships run this Saturday at the Université Laval in Sainte-Foy, Québec.

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Describing their sound as “four hobos in the throws of delirium tremens,” Ghosts of Modern Man clearly are a band fighting against poverty and the ramifications of excessive alcohol abuse. The Regina punk rockers bring their gritty, derelict-inspired music to the Victory Lounge Friday night, which should leave everyone comfortably shaking in a fit of ethanol-induced hallucinations, just as Jesus said rock and roll should.



Edmonton Regional Search and Rescue Association Annual Fundraiser
Featuring Rule of Nines
Saturday, 11 November at 9pm
Sidetrack Café
\$20 advance, \$25 at door

The local Search and Rescue organization is holding their annual fundraiser this Saturday at the Sidetrack to help raise funds to cover administration and operation. The night will feature a silent auction from 7-10pm as well as music by Rule of Nines, an award-winning staple of the western Canadian rock scene who also displays an amazing dominance over single digits.

The Radio Rebellion Tour
Featuring Norma Jean, Between the Buried and Me, Fear Before the March of the Flames, Misery Signals, Bless the Fall and The Fully Down
Sunday, 12 November at 6pm
Starlite Room
Tickets \$19.50 in advance at Ticketmaster, Megatunes, Blackbyrd, FS and Freecloud

Featuring no less than six up-and-coming hard rock and metal bands, the Radio Rebellion tour brings their anti-airwave message to the Starlite Room this weekend. Not fans of that FM-inventing asshole Marconi, the tour will spread awareness about the potential dangers of radio abuse through advocating metal, and in all likelihood will lead to the complete destruction of radio as a medium. Take that, Clear Channel, you bandwidth-loving pricks. Following this victory, the war against media will likely continue with the Television and Newspaper Rebellion tours, expected sometime in early 2007.

Kiros
With The Trust and Faceless Warrior
Tuesday 14 November at 9pm
Sidetrack Café
\$7 at door

Hailing from Calgary, punk-rockers Kiros hit the Sidetrack Café Tuesday. The band has toured heavily, playing the Warped Tour in the past. Not being quite crazy enough for them, Kiros was a member of the 2006 Extreme Tour this summer, an East Coast USA punk tour so extreme that babies were dropped from light standards onto pentagrams, goats were ritualistically drained of blood, leather slaves were paraded around onstage by chains and a gigantic wooden phallus was used as a makeshift cross to crucify one of the band members.

JOHN KMECH
Doesn't realize dreads are a dancing hazard



LAUREN STIEGLITZ

I'M A GENIE IN A BOTTLE Well, Bret “The Hitman” Hart is moreso a Genie in the body of a wrestler. Hart will be starring in the production of *Aladdin*.

An unusual change of Hart

Bret ‘The Hitman’ Hart jumps out of the sweaty wrestling ring and into a pair of pink Genie pants

Preview: Aladdin
A Ross Petty Production
Starring Bret Hart, Jamie McKnight, Derek McGrath, Ross Petty and Jennifer Dale
Runs 14-19 November
Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

SCOTT C BOURGEOIS
Circulation PAL

It may seem a little strange to see a 20-year veteran of professional wrestling donning genie pants and performing in a production entitled *Aladdin, the Magical Family Musical*, but according to Bret “The Hitman” Hart, the stage and the squared circle are not so dissimilar.

“[Wrestling] is more like theatre than people realize,” says the former WWF Champion. “Wrestling is basically acting with your body.”

Taking the stage as the Genie in *Aladdin* has been an unusual journey for The Hitman, and it began with a book reading of *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* for a CBC tribute to Mordecai Richler in the summer of 2002. Hart read the role of the Hooded Fang at the tribute for the late author, and enjoyed the experience.

“[The book reading] was kind of a test for me, really,” Hart says. “My career had ended with a concussion injury, so when [theatrical and television producer] Ted Dykstra approached me to do it, I did it mainly to challenge myself, to test myself to see if my memory was getting better. Then three days later I had my stroke. I figured

everything was over.”
But rather than give up, Hart threw himself into recovery. A year later, Dykstra again approached Hart with the prospect of playing a part in *Aladdin*. At first, Hart turned him down, but when Dykstra insisted, he changed his mind.

“The best part of *Aladdin* is that I don’t wake up every morning feeling like someone threw me out of their car while they’re driving.”

BRET HART

“I decided it sounded fun, I wouldn’t get hurt and that it would show the people who supported me through that dark period that I had recovered and I was doing better,” Hart says. “I was really heartbroken when it all ended.”

The Toronto show had been so successful that the show’s writer, Ross Petty, approached Hart with the prospect of going on tour. Hart was thrilled.

“It gave me a chance to come back to the cities where I made my name,” he says.

So just how alike are Bret “The Hitman” Hart and the Genie? According to Hart the only difference is the costume.

“I think, actually, that I have pink pants,” he says. “It’s like The Hitman has been dropped into a friendly cartoon show about wrestling.”

For Bret, the show is a way to relive the thrill of being a wrestler for a few hours every night. Fans of the classic Hitman character will even get a chance to see the Sharpshooter used one last time.

Of course, the show’s not all about Bret Hart, or even wrestling. It’s simply the same old *Aladdin* story with a modern twist.

“I love the fact that it appeals to younger kids, and the whole family,” Hart says.

The whole show was written for a universal audience. While some of the humour is designed for the younger crowd, some of the jokes will go right over the heads of the kids and instead tickle the adults in the audience. Audience participation is also a part of the show, which encourages the crowd to cheer for the heroes and boo the villains.

“Once the show begins, it feels like my old Stampede Wrestling days, where everything was a little more like a circus,” Hart says. “The best part of *Aladdin* is that I don’t wake up every morning feeling like someone threw me out of their car while they’re driving.”

Although the idea of seeing Hart step off the stage and back into the ring might be unlikely, Hart says that, when it comes to the wrestling industry, you should never say never.

“Really, nowadays, I’m kind of looking for someone to entertain me instead,” he laughs.

THE SMACK DOWN

- Name: Bret “The Hitman” Hart
Height: 6’1”
Weight: 234 lbs.
Born: 7 July, 1957
Hometown: Calgary, Alberta
Trained By: Stu Hart, Katsui Adachi, Kazuo Sakurada, Mr Hito, Harley Race

- Wrestler Bret Would Have Loved to Face: Kurt Angle

- Signature Moves:
Sharpshooter (Finisher)
Hart Attack (with Jim “the Anvil” Neidhart)
Ringpost Figure Four Leglock
Bridging German Suplex
Spike Piledriver

- Bret’s Three Favourite Matches:
1. Versus British Bulldog at SummerSlam 1992 (1992 Match of the Year)

- 2. Versus Stone Cold Steve Austin at Wrestlemania XIII (1997 Match of the Year)
3. Versus Shawn Michaels at Wrestlemania XII (1996 Match of the Year)

- On Growing Up in a Wrestling Family:
“Well, it was a little bit like *The Munsters*. And a little bit like the *Addams Family*. And a little bit like *The Brady Bunch*. And a whole lot of *The Beverly Hillbillies*.”

Red Ram butts into the Edmonton music scene

Red Ram CD Release

With The Fabulous Beefeaters and The Casanova Playboys
Saturday, 11 November at 8pm
Starlite Room

JOHN KMECH
Arts & Entertainment Staff

Side projects can be a both a blessing and a curse. Although they allow artists to venture off into new meadows, take the creative bull by the horns and charge forth in genres or styles that weren't previously available to them, side projects can also cause bad blood between artists and their original bandmates over their commitment to the new enterprise.

Fortunately, though, for Edmonton alt-country group The Uncas, there's no need to panic. Mark Feduk, a fellow Uncas member and front man of new Edmonton upstart Red Ram, doesn't see his new musical undertaking as affecting his relationship with his other band.

"A lot of times when people start side projects, the members of the original band get jealous and don't like it," Feduk says. "But these guys

[in the Uncas] have been so supportive and they're really happy that I'm doing it."

Taking a step in the opposite direction of the western-flavoured, sarcasm-riddled punk of The Uncas, Feduk, who took on the role of lead songwriter in Red Ram, saw an opportunity to channel his more serious side through the band's electronic, melodic rock. Combining Feduk's musicianship and Doug Organ's production skills, the duo recorded their debut album *Stars Ablaze*, then recently added Bill George on drums and Sean Brewer on guitars to make Red Ram a quartet. Even though he's been part of the Edmonton music scene for more than ten years, Feduk noted that the experience of leading a band for the first time could be a harrowing, yet rewarding, journey.

"I still definitely get butterflies," Feduk laughs. "It's a totally different experience to be the guy in the middle singing every tune. It's fun for me to have different outlets, because I never could have done these tunes on an Uncas album. A lot of my early songs for The Uncas were really funny songs, but as it's gone on, mine have



become the darker ones. I think that's why Red Ram is so much more serious and dark, because it's just me."

Besides songwriting, Feduk also manages the band. His serious songwriting ultimately influences his design direction, as seen with the unique mannequin art he uses for the album cover, a work that Feduk says symbolizes his musical message on *Stars Ablaze*.

"It's a piece of graphic art created

by Jonas Eriksson, who designed our website," Feduk says. "I really liked the image because I think that too many people are cut-outs of each other, so it goes along with one of the themes of the album."

Despite the major time management issues that could come from playing in one band and leading another, Feduk sees himself existing in both groups. The way he views the scene, both bands complement each other

regardless of their stylistic differences.

"I don't see [either band] being put on the back burner," Feduk explains. "The way The Uncas have always viewed the local scene is that if one band is doing well, it's good for all the other bands and everyone should work together and be happy. The more one band draws attention to the city, the more it'll bring attention to the other bands, so that's the way we're approaching this."

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From the trenches to the stage

Mother Courage and her Children

Directed by Amanda Bergen
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Second Playing Space, Timms Centre for the Arts

MARIA KOTOVYCH
Arts & Entertainment Staff

People are putting bacon and cheese on their pumpnickel—it must be peacetime, at least according to one scene from Bertolt Brecht’s play *Mother Courage and her Children* that discusses how peace brings about excess.

Amanda Bergen, director of *Mother Courage*, mentions that this is just one of many views of war and peace that Brecht presents.

“Almost every comment you could quote from the play is an opinion,” Bergen explains. “A lot of the play is like a debate, saying ‘here is my version of war, here is what I think war is, I think this is why we need war and this is why I think we don’t need war.’ And in that sense, that’s what Brecht is doing, just putting the opinions out there for people to kind of flush out, and ask questions about.”

Mother Courage is a project put on by ABBEDAM, the production company within the Department of Drama. Abbedam, made up of BA, BEd and MA students from the department, got its name by combining those three degree names into one mega-acronym.

The issues and themes raised in the *Mother Courage* are particularly relevant to the war going on today in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is one of the reasons Bergen chose the play. Furthermore, Bergen decided on the



JUNETTE HUYNH

BEGGING FOR MORE According to ABBEDAM, peace only makes us want.

piece because it makes the audience ask questions, and one question that we, as Canadians, need to direct to ourselves is how we feel about our participation in the current Middle East situation.

“With the war going on now, I find myself questioning what my role as a Canadian was, what our role as a full country was and what our government was doing,” Bergen says. “I think a lot of the time, we try to be neutral; it’s like Canada doesn’t have a stance on it, they’re just peacekeepers and that’s what we do, but when we’re in there and people are killing us, we’re still fighting back, we’re still fighting the war. And just what are our opinions about that, and what do we really stand for?”

According to Bergen, getting enraged or feeling bad about an issue is not enough to create change. As a start, people must question the actions of their government, such as

the decision to support a war. Then citizens should get involved in decision-making, for example, by voting.

“I think that just bashing America and George Bush isn’t productive,” Bergen says. “I think putting the blame on someone else isn’t going to get us anywhere as Canadians. We have a government that’s supporting the war, and we seem to just forget about that, and saying that George Bush is an idiot and blah, blah, blah doesn’t get us anywhere.”

However, Bergen hopes that the set design will ultimately take the audience somewhere, perhaps making it easier to reflect on their society. The play is set in what’s called an alley stage, with audience members on either side facing each other.

“I’m hoping that that reflection of themselves in a sense, being across the alley like that, will allow them to open up, and not just get caught up in the world of the play,” Bergen says.

A Good Year outshines Tuscan Sun

Plot similarities abound between the two films, but the acting sets them apart

A Good Year

Directed by Ridley Scott
Starring Russell Crowe, Albert Finney and Archie Panjabi
Opens 10 November
Empire Theatres

ELIZABETH VAIL
Arts & Entertainment Staff

A Good Year is a movie hampered by a rather unseemly prejudice. The early buzz towards this film mainly concerned an unfavourable comparison to *Under the Tuscan Sun*, for both films appear to revolve around flawed individuals finding solace in romantic, sun-warmed locales, adorably untidy mansions and humorously eccentric natives.

What’s most puzzling, though, is why director Ridley Scott and actor Russell Crowe’s second team-up (their first being the testosterone gore-fest *Gladiator*) would be a movie that appears to exist to rope in those few boyfriends who dug in their heels when *Tuscan Sun* appeared in theatres. However, while *Tuscan Sun* was a brittle fairy tale stretched beyond the boundaries of realism, *A Good Year* is a surprisingly warm and funny film.

The main difference between the characters of *Tuscan Sun*’s Frances (Diane Lane) and *A Good Year*’s Max Skinner (Russell Crowe) is that, unlike Frances’ saintly betrayed wife, Max is an incurable asshole, and doesn’t exactly mind it. We see him as a selfish and petty child—played in flashbacks by *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*’s

Freddie Highmore—who, despite the Yoda-like teachings of his wise wine-making uncle Henry (Albert Finney), grows into a selfish and petty adult. A ruthless stock trader, he receives the news of his uncle’s demise right after making a borderline-unethical move that wins his company an enormous amount of money.

The film is more than simply *Under the Tuscan Sun* for dudes, and that’s mostly due to Crowe’s performance.

In order to inherit his uncle’s luxurious estate and vineyards, Skinner has to go down to Provence in person, and finds himself faced with numerous complications. After a hilariously disastrous first few days in France, he’s determined to sell the place, but finds his plans stymied first by the vineyard’s stubborn caretaker Duflot (Didier Bourdon) and second by the appearance of Christie (Abbie Cornish), a girl who alleges to be Henry’s daughter, and thus has a greater claim to the estate. However, upon exploring the grounds, Max is visited by memories of the sun-drenched childhood summers he spent there, and gradually finds himself adapting.

A Good Year is as predictable as the seasons—a few silly mysteries

regarding the connection between Max and spunky local waitress Fanny (Marion Cotillard), a legendary secret wine, and Christie’s true parentage are all obvious from the get-go. The film is more than simply *Under the Tuscan Sun* for dudes, and that’s mostly due to Crowe’s performance. With a wink and a smile, he doffs all vestiges of dignity to portray the worst British tourist in the world. While his character is spoiled and offensive (passing a group of French cyclists, he gives them the finger and bellows “Lance Armstrong!”), he’s also charming, in a shark-like sort of way, which makes his eventual transition from slyly charming to genuinely charming much more believable.

In fact, the best humour comes from Crowe’s gleeful performance, as most of the other jokes are rote and pedestrian (dogs peeing on pant legs, comments about the firmness of Max’s ass, a scene with exaggeratedly-awful “Ah-mair-ee-ken” tourists). However, while the cast is colourful, it’s not simply eccentric for its own sake, which is a blessing not granted to Diane Lane’s sentimental adventure in Tuscany.

In the end, *A Good Year* distances itself, and perhaps surpasses *Under the Tuscan Sun*, because the wine, the wit and the warmth of it doesn’t come from a wounded individual discovering new delights and romances in a foreign country, but from a genuine character returning to the site of his true home to find it’s outgrown him in his absence.

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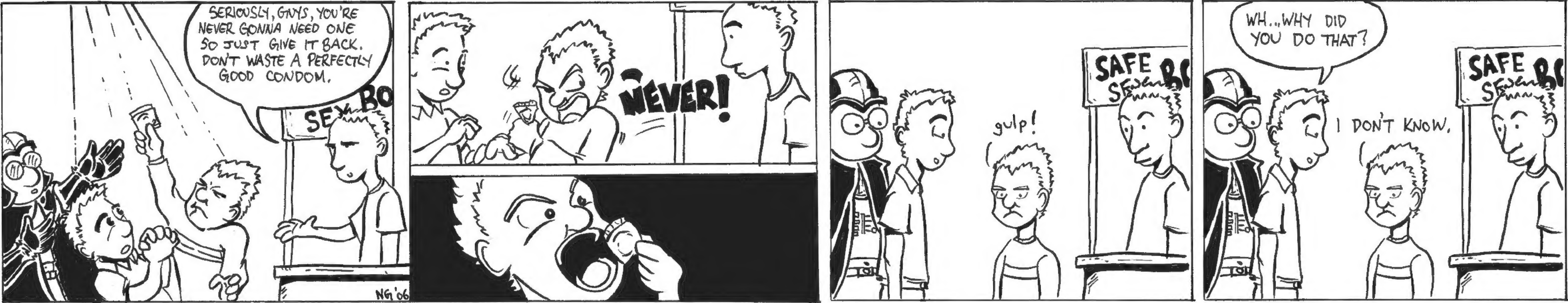
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"Christ!" exclaimed Cid Shocker. "Those things are living? Why didn't anyone tell me this? Man, this is worse than those upside-down Christmas trees in the Rona flyer. Upside-down Christmas trees? What the fuck. WHAT THE FUCK!?" At this point, Taco Donkey delivered a swift blackjack swat to Cid's cerebellum.

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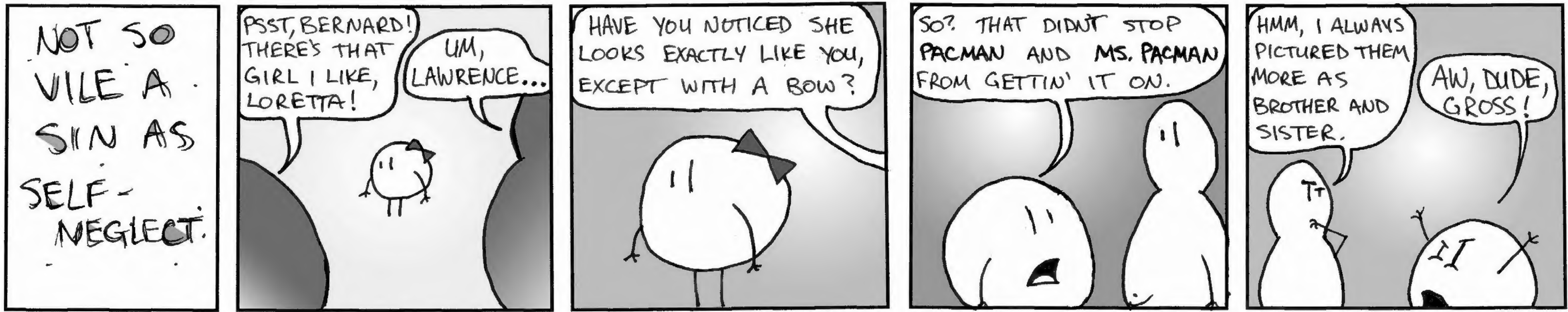
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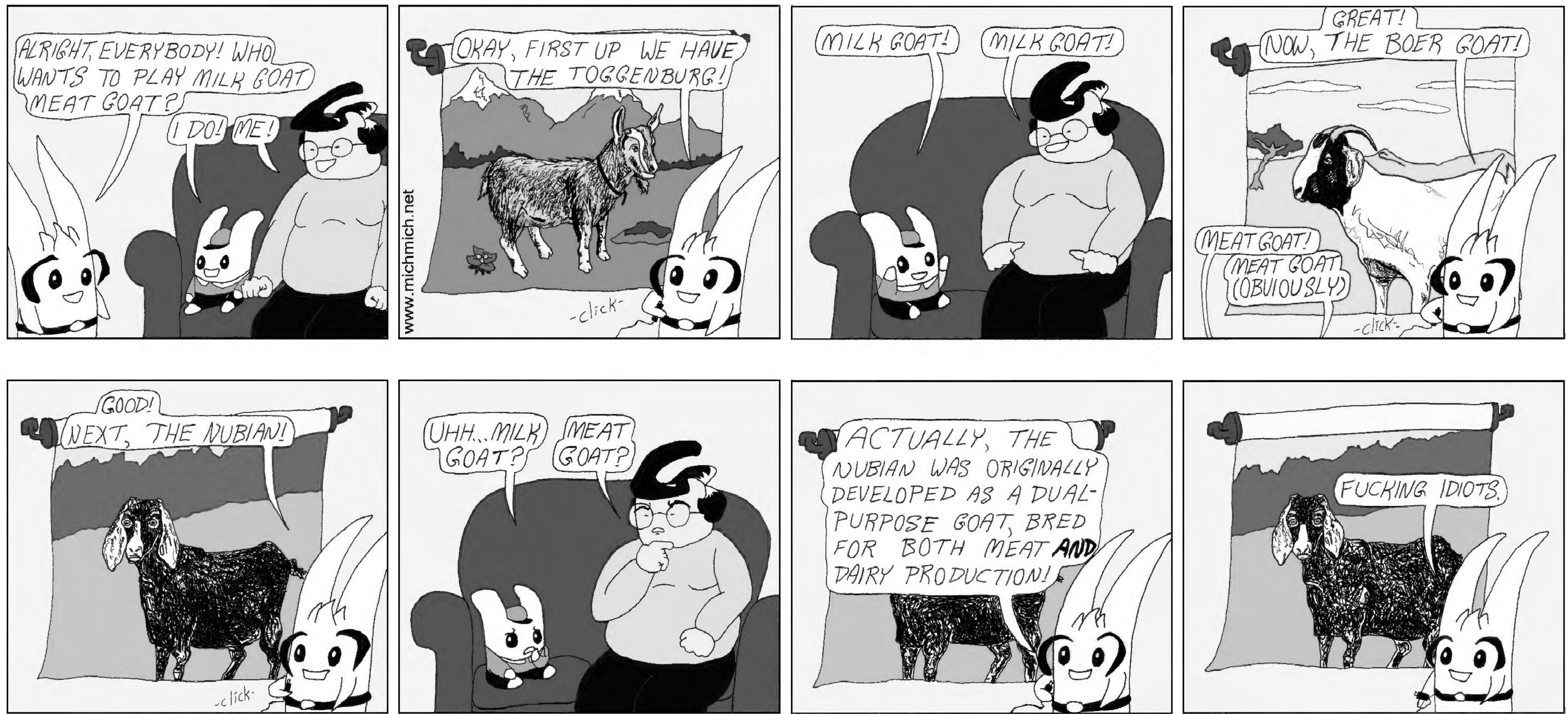
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MIKE OTTO

LOOK UP, WAY UP Buildings aren't the only thing going up around campus, as residences face a ten per cent rent hike.

Proposed rent increase raises worries

SCOTT LILWALL
Deputy News Editor

Students living in campus residences might be facing increased rent next year as the University of Alberta considers raising fees to match the booming Edmonton housing market.

"We've been presented with a set of proposals for a rent increase that encompasses all students [living in residence]," said Omer Yusuf, Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life). "[It's] pretty much ten per cent across the board, with a few exceptions here and there."

Yusuf explained that the U of A was considering the increase as a way to pay for work that needed to be done on the residences. As well, it was set to be comparable to the rising costs of real estate city-wide, which, according to Yusuf, has seen jumps of up to 15 per cent due to Edmonton's recent economic boom.

However, Lister Hall Students' Association President Michael Janz disagreed with comparing residence

space to other homes in the city.

"Our worry is that, number one, we're going to be compared to market, when our rooms are not comparable. Our postage-stamp Lister rooms should not be compared to a one bedroom [apartment], and just because a one bedroom has gone up 15 per cent, I don't think our rooms should be matching that," Janz said.

He added that the rent increase might make it more difficult to present the U of A as an attractive option to students currently living in rural Alberta.

"A lot of rural students come to residence here as they aren't able to get accommodation here in the city. Predominately, that's what our residents are," Janz stated. "Attracting rural students is a priority for the University and a priority for the province."

Dima Utgoff, Director of Residence Services, declined the *Gateway's* request for an interview, saying that the Administration wasn't prepared to make a public statement until it

was able to discuss the proposal further with student representatives.

However, Yusuf and Janz both said that the University should look for other sources of funding to pay for the upkeep. Janz also expressed concern that the rent increases might be used to pay for future ventures.

"That's sort of our worry, that the students of today are financing a capital project for the future. That we're being used as a cash crop, and we're concerned [about] what kinds of possible avenues have been looked at to pay for the deferred maintenance or the other costs," Janz said.

A presentation on the budget proposal will be made at the Board of Governor's meeting on 20 November at 7am. Janz is encouraging students to get involved in the approval process.

"[F]or most students this is going to be bigger than the foods issue," Janz said, referring to the University's food services contract with Aramark. This is going to be most important issue that we [will] face in a while."

RCMP breaks up Lake Louise party

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI
News Staff

More than 230 students and alumni from the University of Alberta and five other western Canadian universities turned the stylish Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise into a party house last weekend, drawing the attention of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and numerous media outlets, as well as the ire of the U of A School of Business.

"I'm absolutely appalled. This is not the way we expect students to behave," Dean of the U of A School of Business Dr Mike Percy said.

Approximately 30 students from the U of A along with teams from the universities of Lethbridge, Calgary, British Columbia, Northern British Columbia and Regina were attending the 16th annual Western Business Games (WBG), which was hosted by Paradigm Promotion Ltd, a private company. The event wasn't officially sanctioned by any of the universities and none of the teams—which were composed primarily of business students—were sponsored or supported by their universities. The U of A stopped funding WBG teams in 2001.

Marketed as a team-building session,

and "the best networking opportunities available for students" in the delegate package, many of the events and activities scheduled for the weekend involved drinking, including one dubbed "The Beer Pond."

"I'm absolutely appalled. This is not the way we expect students to behave."

**DR MIKE PERCY,
U OF A DEAN OF
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

"In terms of defending the conference itself, I can't condone what happened because really there's no academic content at all and it shouldn't have any association with the school and we've made that clear right from the start," explained James Matsuba, a co-organizer of the U of A team.

Matsuba also stressed that the event had received no University funding.

"Zero school dollars go into this, zero help is given to us from the school, we don't have an office on campus and we're not an official student group."

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UN seminar to discuss treaty rights in Hobbema

ROBIN COLLUM
News Staff

Experts will converge on Hobbema next week to discuss processes for making treaties with indigenous peoples, in the first United Nations seminar of its kind held outside of a UN venue.

"Even in Canada, there are aboriginal people living in third-world conditions, and many of our indigenous brothers and sisters internationally live in terrible conditions."

**BOBBI OKEYMAW,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
CONFEDERACY**

The seminar, being organized by the UN Office of the High

Commissioner on Human Rights, will be hosted at the Alberta reserve by the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations. There will also be a preparatory meeting this weekend in Enoch before the actual forum takes place from 14–17 November. Organizers and observers hope that the forum will bring much-needed attention to the conditions facing many aboriginal people in Canada and around the world.

"The main thing that we want to accomplish with this conference is to bring more international awareness to the plight of indigenous people everywhere," said Bobbi Okeymaw, executive director of the Confederacy. "Even in Canada, there are Aboriginal people living in third-world conditions, and many of our indigenous brothers and sisters internationally live in terrible conditions."

Ellen Bielawski, U of A Dean of Native Studies, agreed that conditions on Canadian reserves aren't what they should be.

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CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Mike Otto

DIDN'T EVEN WASH THEIR HANDS

At 5pm on 1 November, a purse disappeared from the women's washroom in the 9101 stairwell of HUB mall. The victim was otherwise occupied and was oblivious for mere moments, during that time the perpetrator entered the washroom, grabbed the bag and snuck out.

AND YOU ALL THOUGHT THAT EAR CANDLING WAS QUITE THE SCAM

At 11am on 2 November, Campus Security received reports of an ambitious entrepreneur attempting to sell spa passes for \$55-300 on the twelfth floor of Clinical Sciences. She was soliciting at various offices and allegedly stated, "If you give me the money now, I will give you the voucher." The woman is described as in her mid 20's with long dark hair, dark clothing, and occasionally wearing a lab coat. It's unknown if the passes are legitimate or if any were purchased.

A CASE OF BEING HAMMERED IN HUB

On 2 November, reports came in to Campus Security of a boozed up 45-year-old male wandering southbound in HUB Mall. He was located and found to be bothering students and staff. 5-0 determined that he had no university affiliation, had been previously trespassed and had an extensive criminal record. He was

violating his conditions of probation—by being intoxicated—and was given a provincial summons for trespassing.

BIO SCI IS A BETTER PLACE TO HIDE

Also on 2 November, a man was found sleeping in a stairwell in Humanities. He had a criminal record and had previously been kicked off campus. He was arrested and got another trespass notch on his belt.

THIS GUY IS RUNNING INTO THE RED

On 3 November, constables stopped a vehicle that ran a red light at 87 Avenue and 114 Street. The driver was found to have a suspended licence and his car was promptly suspended from the rear of a tow truck. The driver had no university affiliation.

FINAL SCORE COMES TO: CAMPUS SECURITY: 3, NEWTON AVENGER: 0

On 4 November, University staff reported a man sleeping in the 24 hour study space in Newton Place. The napping nuisance was identified as being previously trespassed from campus and had a criminal record involving violence. He was issued a provincial summons for trespassing and was removed from the University campus.

NOT THE 'OUTSTANDING' THAT'S GOING TO WIN YOU ANY AWARDS

On 5 November, 5-0 stopped a vehicle near 87 Avenue and 111 Street. They found the driver had no licence and had outstanding warrants for impaired driving. He was arrested and handed over to Edmonton Police. The man had no university affiliation.

Game over for event

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According to a press release issued by the RCMP, they along with other federal and provincial agencies were called out to the hotel numerous times over weekend due to WBG activities. Upon arrival, officers were confronted at times by "students walking around the hotel with open liquor and portable stereos; in underwear and G-strings."

Percy said that he was exploring penalties that might be applicable to the U of A students who attended the Games under the University's Code of Student Behavior, though there might not be much that could be done.

"We have relatively little we can do with individuals who, on their own time and claim that they don't have an affiliation with the schools, go to these events," Percy said. "That's why we're between a rock and a hard place on this, because the media will portray them as our students—not withstanding that we have no control over what they can do as individuals—when paying their own way to a privately held function."

RCMP confiscated drugs and drug paraphernalia and arrested and charged a U of C student for uttering death threats to hotel security and police officers, however no U of A students were cited. A UBC student was also taken to hospital after attempting to jump between indoor railings on the 7th floor and falling two flights.

"The University of Alberta stu-

dents were very well behaved for the most part," said U of C student Andy Jackson, co-president of Paradigm Promotion Ltd and co-organizer of the event. He also noted that this would be the final edition of the WBG and said that the gravity of the situation had been exaggerated.

"[WBG] is being cancelled because of the scrutiny of the media and how it was blown out of proportion," Jackson said. "In previous years the RCMP didn't take it to the lengths that it did in regards to releasing the press release—and this year they did."

Matsuba agrees with Jackson's assessment that the media has driven the controversy surrounding the event and that the only reason it's a story is because university students are involved.

"We were very well behaved and the news is going to do everything it can to spin this because of the Fairmont name, the fact that we are university students and they can put two and two together," Matsuba said. "Everybody on our team is very sorry for the way that things have unfolded with the media. The last thing we wanted was for the school and the University to face any negative publicity because of this."

"We're hoping that nothing comes out in the next few days and that this goes away," Matsuba added. "It really wasn't as huge of a deal as everyone's making it out to be."

STREETERS

Last week, two Golden Bears basketball players were assaulted on Whyte Avenue.

Do you feel safe while out on Whyte?



Daniel Vandenberg
Science I



Fred Mills
Graduate Studies



Meaghan Bernard
Graduate Studies



Even Lavoie
Science II

Yes, overall I do. If I'm with friends I feel safe, but I wouldn't go there alone at night. You never know what's going to happen.

Yes I do. I feel safe as long as I'm not by myself and I'm with a group of people. I'm also a pretty big guy so I'd like to think I don't have much to be scared of. But if Golden Bears were beaten up, I don't know. I guess I'll just have to be more wary in the future and keep my eyes open.

I would have to say no because I'm a small girl. I'm new here, so I don't really know what Whyte Ave is really about, but I've only heard small things. But I still go.

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KRISTINA SULATYCKI

INTERNATIONAL ISSUE Dean of Native Studies hopes the UN conference will bring greater awareness of treaty rights.

Protecting treaty rights an international responsibility

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“Most Aboriginal people in Canada do not have access to clean water or adequate sewage treatment,” she said. “Observers are going to see that the gap between the global statements government makes and the way the average Aboriginal person lives is huge.”

Attendees of the UN seminar will examine modern treaty-making practices between states and indigenous peoples. It’s part of a series of conferences that are being held to discuss a 1999 report from the UNHRC Special Rapporteur Miguel Alfonso Martinez on the implementation of treaties, international agreements and human rights legislation.

Okeymaw believes that the conference will be important in emphasizing that treaties made over a century ago between indigenous tribes and the government are legitimate legal documents, rather than relics from a previous era.

“Many people look on our treaties as historical documents, but they are actually international agreements between nations,” she said. “They are

as valid today as they were when they were signed, and they confer certain obligations.”

“Many people look on our treaties as historical documents, but they are actually international agreements between nations.”

BOBBI OKEYMAW,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE CONFEDERACY

Okeymaw also pointed out that some of the delegates next week will be able to relate to the treaty situation in Canada. There will be representatives coming from all over the world, including fellow former British colonies like New Zealand and Australia. The legal situation of indigenous peoples in those countries has a lot

in common with that of Canadian aboriginals.

“The Aborigines and Maori are in somewhat of the same position as us,” Okeymaw said. “Their treaties are almost identical.”

After a quarter-century of work on the document, the UN Human Rights Council adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in June of this year. It will be voted on in the General Assembly this fall, but Canada has announced that it will not be supporting it, to the surprise of some of those involved, including former MP Chief Willie Littlechild, one of its drafters.

“We had to go through the UN to pledge our support of the Declaration, because we couldn’t go through our own country,” Okeymaw said. “When Chief Littlechild asked why, the only response he got was that it ‘went against their policies.’”

Representatives from the federal government have been involved in planning and will be attending the forum, but had not responded to requests for interviews by the Gateway.

COUNCIL FORUM

Written by Scott Lilwall

Students’ Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 November.

QUESTION PERIOD

Council kicked off with a flurry of nominations, with one person nominated to APIRG and a total of eight to DIE board. After that business was out of the way, Question Period began. A question was posed about what progress has been made by a committee set up to examine the U of A’s contract with Aramark. The committee has met once since its creation, and dealt with organizational matters. Another meeting is planned soon to allow the committee to dive into the details of the contract.

The timing of the next Revolutionary Speaker Series lecture was questioned next, with councillors wondering why Carol Off was scheduled to speak on a long weekend Monday. President Sam Power explained that the date was unintentional and that the date was chosen to correspond with Off’s book tour. She went on to say that promotion for the

speech has been increased, and she hopes that the timing will not affect attendance.

Finally, councillors confronted the elephant in the room: the Executive was asked about the new tuition policy announced by the provincial government last Friday. Vice President (External) Dave Cournoyer argued that the policy, which tied tuition increases to the Consumer Price Index, was “15 years too late.” He said that the SU would continue to lobby for rolled-back tuition.

JOKING AROUND

Council then engaged in a lengthy debate over a motion that would increase the potential campaign budget of joke candidates in SU elections. The motion asked Council to raise the maximum budget to equal that of real candidates running for Council positions. The SU would only fund half of the budget, letting the person behind the joke the option of paying the other 50 per cent out of their pocket. The motion also stated that the joke campaign could do no fundraising, and that it couldn’t run parallel to a current referendum, meaning that the joke candidate couldn’t encourage students to vote for or against referendum questions on the ballot.

The merits of the joke candidate were debated, with many councillors saying that the joke candidate was an effective way of prompting the election and increasing turnout among students. Some were opposed to the

motion, fearing that it would create a “two-tiered joke candidate system,” which would give advantage to students with deep pockets.

Other councillors suggested that the SU pay the full amount of the campaign budget to bring it on par with those of actual candidates. After an hour of debate, an amendment was brought forward that would place the joke budget at two-thirds that of the real candidates, fully funded by the SU. The motion was passed.

IN A POLITICAL POLICY PICKLE

Later in the evening, a political policy was proposed that would encourage the SU to join the Progressive Conservatives and vote in the leadership race, as well as lobbying the leadership candidates to voice firm positions on postsecondary education. Strong opposition to the policy followed, with councillors arguing that doing so would be tantamount to endorsing the Tories, and that it wasn’t the SU’s place to endorse a particular political party, but rather to represent students on the U of A campus. Others argued that such a policy would weaken the SU’s ability to work with and lobby other political parties in the province. Eventually, the motion was soundly defeated. After another quick declaration that encouraged Council to nominate someone for a vacant seat on the University Senate, Students’ Council adjourned for the evening.

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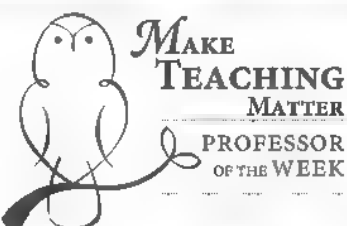
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Québecers lighting up less: study

NATHAN PERKINS
The McGill Daily

MONTREAL (CUP)—Health is improving in Québec despite smoking rates that are above the national average, according to a recent provincial report.

Santé et Services Sociaux Québec, which collaborated on the report, said that though roughly a quarter of the population smokes, smoking rates in Québec have decreased over the last decade and that associated risk factors are at a 20-year low.

"Smoking is more prevalent [in Québec] than in other provinces but has been decreasing faster than in other provinces," explained Louise Guyon, from the Institut National de Santé Publique du Québec (INSPQ), the other organization that worked on the report. She attributed the change to the public campaign against smoking.

Gilles Paradis, a professor of epidemiology at McGill University, said the public-education aspect of the campaign was the driving force behind curbing cigarette smoking.

"The biggest battle we have had to face in relation to tobacco in the past ten years is the attempt to decrease exposure to second-hand smoke," he said. "People now understand that they must limit their exposure to smoking."

The campaign for smoking reduction in Québec peaked with the Tobacco Act, effective 31 May, 2006, which prohibits smoking in public spaces such as restaurants and bars. No statistics on its effectiveness are yet available; however, McGill student



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: JOSH NAULT

I LIKE BIG BUTTS Health workers are breathing easier as smoking is down.

Zina Smires said that having to leave a bar or restaurant to have a cigarette is a nuisance and that she's smoking less as a result.

"[The Tobacco Act] makes me smoke fewer [cigarettes] than before, since I always have to go outside after meals or at the bar," Smires said, adding that it would only get harder in the winter.

Still, Smires maintains the Act has done nothing to stigmatize or decrease the popularity of smoking in the province.

According to Guyon, creating a stigma or alienating smokers would not be helpful, but "de-normalizing" smoking will be a critical step in changing public opinion and people's habits.

"Ten years ago, people saw smoking as something normal—everyone was doing it. Now, it has changed radically—only one in four people smokes," she said.

Instead, she lauded government programs that encourage people who want to quit smoking.

"Québec is the only province to reimburse pharmacological aid, such as nicotine replacement therapy," she pointed out.

Based on the statistics and recent Tobacco Act, Paradis and members of the INSPQ are optimistic about the direction that Québec is heading in.

"The intent for public health policy is to protect those who do not smoke and help those who want to quit to do so," Paradis said.

Student society dispute holds up salaries

EARL TAPIA
The Peak

BURNABY, BC (CUP)—Staff and employees of Simon Fraser University's student society could have trouble getting paid due to controversy surrounding the executive members of the society.

A special general meeting held 25 October resulted in students voting to impeach the seven Executive members of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS).

However, according to a letter from the student society's legal counsel, Don Crane, the executive is contesting the legitimacy of the meeting and is planning to prepare a petition to the Supreme Court of BC to declare the impeachments invalid.

In the meantime, SFSS bank accounts have been frozen by its bank, meaning some staff, members of the SFSS board of directors, clubs, departmental student unions, and suppliers may not be paid.

As a result, the society has had to pay some employees with cash straight from the society vault.

"We are working on a solution to ensure that our staff are paid, because that is the most important thing to us right now," said Margo Dunnet, one of the contested board members.

Despite these measures, some staff members aren't pleased about the situation.

"We don't have a choice, we were just put into this dispute," said one employee, who didn't wish to be named.

"As far as we know our paycheques aren't going through, so we won't be getting paid until the bank accounts are unfrozen ... we get updates as to

what's happening, but so far nothing's been moving forward so we've been told we might not even get paid during our next pay period," the employee added.

"Banks are not political. They don't pick sides. It is their job to ensure that money can only be spent by the right people, so when they heard there was a dispute over who the directors of the society were, they froze the accounts."

**MARGO DUNNET,
ONE OF THE CONTESTED
SFSS BOARD MEMBERS**

According to Dunnet, it's the bank's policy to freeze accounts when there is a dispute over the directors of a society.

"Banks are not political. They don't pick sides. It is their job to ensure that money can only be spent by the right people, so when they heard there was a dispute over who the directors of the society were, they froze the accounts," she explained.

The University Administration has also revealed their position regarding the recent events surrounding the SFSS.

A letter released last week from SFU President Michael Stevenson states, "Pending a decision to the contrary by the Supreme Court of BC, [the

University] must respect the outcome of the special general meeting."

The letter also states that the University has been monitoring the situation closely, but that the ability of the University to intervene is "severely limited" because the SFSS is an autonomous body constituted under the BC Societies Act.

The letter also states that while many students have asked the University to "freeze" the transfer of funds it collects on behalf of the SFSS, the University is required to transmit those fees under the University Act.

"Stevenson's letter was fair," Dunnet said. "I appreciate the fact that he continues to remit funds to the society and that he recognizes the autonomy of the society."

However, she also stated that the University's position on the matter doesn't affect the present Executive's efforts to deny the validity of the special general meeting.

"The University and the student society are two separate organizations. [Their] recognition of the special general meeting doesn't really impact what we're trying to do here, because we are an autonomous society," Dunnet said.

And with the exception of former SFSS president Shawn Hunsdale, who wrote a letter of resignation two days following the special general meeting, members of the Executive are still working for the SFSS.

Dunnet explained that the executive members remain working to "ensure the society continues to function."

"We are only interested in being here right now in a caretaker capacity," Dunnet said. "No large financial decisions will be made by those signing officers who are in dispute."

Canadian media rights not for sale

WHILE AMERICAN MIDTERM ELECTIONS ARE ALL the rage these days, there's some trouble a'brewing up in Canada's House of Commons. The lobby groups are at it again—this time, on the end of big business media conglomerates. However, they've pushed a little too hard, and Canadian media has taken a hit. On the bright side, politics have taken a step in the right direction, albeit a shaky one.

This Tuesday, federal Heritage Minister Beverly Oda cancelled a fundraiser on her behalf after heavy criticism from her critics. The fundraiser was planned as an event to highlight the upcoming review of issues regarding the Canadian Heritage and Industry positions. On the surface, this may sound like a beneficial event in the regulations of Canadian media, but here's the kicker: the event was largely being pushed by CanWest's head of regulatory affairs, Charlotte Bell. What it boils down to is just another publicity stunt by lobby groups to essentially slither their way into politics through indirect bribery.

It's common to find all sorts of lobby groups trying to garner the favour of political parties, but to witness these kind of backdoor shenanigans is completely unacceptable. Oda, who has held broadcast positions in CanWest and is a former commissioner of the CRTC, needs to be held accountable for her connections and actions. The fact that she not only allowed but *supported* a media-funded event to support mass media is an irresponsible move on her behalf. As NPDP Heritage critic Charlie Angus pointed out, "Everybody knows that the television, broadcast and telecom review is up for grabs. That is the minister charged with the review. We have a lobbyist trying to influence that review and they all come together around a big fancy fundraiser."

Only hours after the criticism, Oda cancelled the event, but maintained that she had "observed every rule existing right now." Granted, she hasn't broken any laws, but the even bigger question of her credibility has been brought to the forefront.

Her cohort, Federal Minister of Industry Maxime Bernier, is currently involved in a whirlwind of media activity in the upcoming review as he will be primarily responsible for decisions regarding Canadian net neutrality, a topic of grave interest amongst media consumers. Conglomerates Bell Globemedia and Rogers are keeping their noses clean in attempt to earn favour with the Canadian government until decisions are made final. These decisions will determine just how much control they receive over the kind of information available to Canadians and what kind of "premiums" can be charged for their own content.

Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa professor specializing in Internet law, illustrates just what kind of situations could arise from legislation to deregulate the web: "Let's say you're Rogers and you're trying to sell Major League Baseball stuff so the Toronto Blue Jays content loads faster than anyone else's, or you're Bell Globemedia, so you ensure that CTV content loads far faster than the CBC's does."

This is completely unheard of. Allowing the big-money corporations to push their own agendas while snuffing out competitors, disguising their antics as "premium services" is a huge step in the wrong direction of consumers' rights in a world that's already severely held back by cloudy copyright laws and ridiculous Digital Rights Management locks.

Coupled with Oda's fraternizing with media outlets, Bernier and company are certain to have their hands full in the next few weeks. The unsettling thing isn't that media companies are trying to control and regulate our freedom—it's that politicians like Oda can be so easily coerced by peers within the industry.

MIKE KENDRICK
Design & Production Editor

Congressional Haiku

Burn on Bush et al:
GOP gets Donkey-punched;
Dems take house, senate.

MATT FREHNER
Poet-in-Chief

23 years later, Hussein and Rumsfeld meet again



ADAM GAUMONT

LETTERS

Abortions not for everyone, Ash

Amanda Ash is a murderer at heart (re: "Modern science only complicates abortion debate," 31 October). It is people like her that will make the lives of the little twin girls hard, not anything else. If Amanda Ash wasn't such a horrid, negative and narrow-minded individual, she might just see that those two little girls are people, not freaks. I'm sorry she was raised in a home that did not teach her about the individual worth of each child that comes to this world; those girls are lucky to have the mother they do and not a wench like Amanda. Too bad Amanda's mom wasn't pro-choice—we would have had less snobs to deal with then.

ANNA DAVIS
Via e-mail

Ashe pans Ash for controversial editorial

How arrogant of Amanda Ash to presume that she knows what is the best course of action for this little family, which has chosen to bear and raise their own children. Shame! Shame for holding such a negative attitude towards a woman's autonomous decision to bear the consequences and do her best to provide for the welfare of her own progeny! This is just the utilitarian, self-serving attitude

one expects from sterile academia.

Perhaps Ms Ash should consider that her own present existence, by her own standards, is expedient to the rest of humanity as well. When her own usefulness is deemed unworthy to society by a possible future disability from accident or genetic defect, will she maintain this same attitude and "just go quietly?"

I am appalled by the utter disregard for basic human rights expressed in this article. Absolutely appalled!

LUANNE MASHE
Via e-mail

Nikki has an axe 2 grind

I read Maria Kotovych's piece on her name woes with sympathy (re: "Oh, Maria, Maria," 7 November). As someone who grew up sharing a name with a rather crass song by the artist formerly known as the Artist formerly known as Prince (not to mention one with nasty rhyming potential), I have come to the following conclusion: don't ever make what you think is a clever, original joke about someone's name. It is never clever, and most certainly not original.

STICKY NIKKI VAN DUSEN
Alumna

Vandalizing makes a van out of dal and izing

This is a shout out to all the fine folks who think that it's a good idea to vandalize the ads on the stall doors

in the washrooms on campus: what you're doing is wrong. To start off, the giant corporations that you're trying to send a message to don't give a shit that you've scribbled nasty comments on their ads. The only people you're pissing off are the university cleaning staff by creating yet another mess for them—you should feel really good about that.

Vandalizing these ads is not only destructive and immature, it also makes the washrooms you obviously use look totally ghetto. So next time you whip out your sharpie in a vain attempt to get your message across, stop. Put the cap back on and put the marker away. Do something *proactive* if you feel so strongly that these ads have no place in the washroom; talk to an SU member and see what you can do about it. If you're too lazy to do this then here's another idea for you: *ignore them*. Relax when you're on the john. You've likely been stressed out all day so make these precious minutes worthwhile and close your eyes, maybe do some long, hard thinking about growing the fuck up. You're a university student, so start acting like one.

KATHRYN ARSENAULT
Arts IV

Smooth can transition stalled by prejudice

It's always been my most frightening moment, from the time I started to transition, and even now that I am fully a man (re: "Third way needed for washrooms," 2 November).

When I first started my hormones, I remember getting remarks from the female inhabitants: "Aren't you in the wrong bathroom?" No, I would reply, not yet. They would panic and get the manager.

It's frustrating and frightening. People need to understand what transsexualism is all about. We are not perverts or an abomination. We are a by-product of nature, and all we want is to align our gender with our physical sex.

Good article and good idea, the bathroom set up.

MARK ANGELO COMMINGS
Via e-mail

Owen crosses the wrong runner in Rally

I am responding to the Cross Country article by Paul Owen (re: "The Pep Rally," 31 October). Owen's article sucks because it does not reflect the Bear's cross-country team. I thought Pep Rally was supposed to support the Bears and not belittle them. This year's Bears cross-country team has worked really hard this year and has continued the legacy of running well and representing the U of A.

The cross-country team is going to Québec City this weekend to do battle on the Plains [of] Abraham. Our team is strong enough to compete for a national medal this year. The Bears have a solid team that is competitive enough to win a national medal this year.

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Practice makes perfect when it comes to healthy living



PHIL
HEAD

“While many students wish to gain knowledge of foreign cultures, few wish to do so in a microbiological sense, so make sure you handle your food safely. After all, who knows what might have germinated in your leftover strudel, so be prepared to keep your food cooked and stored properly.”

Many students, and indeed young people in general, neglect their health due to feelings of invincibility. However, as any Lister resident can attest, there are a number of health issues that particularly pertain to the student population.

I can't stress enough the effect of exam anxiety on student health. When people start feeling testy around mid-term time, their immune systems become less effective. For instance, the constant anticipation can often lead to bowel problems. This stress can be relieved by exercising, getting lots of rest, or even just playing with pets, so get out of the lab, stop reading your dog-eared textbooks and relax.

Speaking of feeling a little testy, the most common form of cancer among young men is testicular, so male students should practice self-exams monthly (as if we needed an excuse). You should also get a physical, as an annual exam is covered by Alberta Health Care and regular exams can help detect—and hopefully rectify—diseases like prostate cancer if analyzed early enough.

On a more topical subject, stress can also exacerbate a rash of skin conditions. Skin care ultimately boils down to good hygiene, so don't skip showers to extend study time. Furthermore, since skin conditions

often run in families, your dermatologist can help not only you—he or she may also be able to give some advice relative to the sore eyes on your sis.

Furthermore, if you've been traveling outside the country during reading week and happened to drink the water where they tell you not to, you may have swallowed worms other than the one in that tequila bottle. Your intestines and muscle tissues are just a pair of sites where worms can wiggle their way in and cause a host of problems. Unfortunately it's often difficult to treat parasites and make the symptoms desist, so avoidance is key.

While many students wish to gain knowledge of foreign cultures, few wish to do so in a microbiological sense, so make sure you handle your food safely. After all, who knows what might have germinated in your leftover strudel, so be prepared to keep your food cooked and stored properly. If you follow these two steps, you will hopefully never encounter a case of staff-o'-caucus—outside of a parliamentary setting, of course.

While drinking plenty of fluids can be beneficial for your health, drowning your sorrows can result in a sorrowful state of affairs. Besides the risk of excessive drinking causing you to lose voluntary control of your

sphincter and turning you into the ultimate party pooper, the diarrhetic effects, combined with the delivery of toxins to your organs, can make you feel pretty crappy. Plus, if you consume enough to get alcohol poisoning you can go into a coma, and then you're toast. While upstanding citizens understandably wish to avoid such situations, those who get tipsy stand a greater chance of engaging in things like questionable one-night stands.

Relationships from one night stands often mean here today, gonorrhea tomorrow, so wear a condom at the minimum to aid in disease prevention. After all, you don't have to be a banker to practice safe sex (and who wouldn't like an excuse to practice?).

Also, don't wait until you're pissing blood before you get checked, because that usually means you're in trouble. After all, only soldiers should be getting dishonourable discharges. People also tend to get crabby when dealing with genital lice, causing friends to flee those who are ticked off.

Remember that here at the U of A there's nothing to prevent students from engaging in some preventative health maintenance, so work out an exercise plan, take the time to brush up on your oral hygiene, and remember: if you don't see your optometrist you definitely should.

The end is in sight

November can be a hectic time for students, but there's no better time to get your act together



ELIZABETH
MCMILLAN

A buildup of anxiety results in a slump that threatens to overshadow all future achievement. Dropping out of school becomes a shining opportunity to escape unfair expectations and impossible standards. The stress isn't imagined. Colds run rampant, muscles fall idle, and formerly alert students act neurotic, unfocused, and recite obscure phrases aloud.

Little wonder the majority of break-ups occur around exam time. Just when everyone needs special attention the most, it's hardest to give. Starting to hate your roommate? Not surprising. They *did* take too long in the shower. But god forbid anyone realize they're not alone. Patience is at a premium and the individualist drive is paramount. Tempers flare and an unreasonable state of mind is inevitably the by-product.

Romantic or roommate entanglements aren't the only abused bonds. The last thing you want the night before an assignment is due is a friend with personal problems or a neighbour who refuses to shut up. All in all, it's amazing anyone makes it out alive.

Only after it's over is it possible to look back with detached wisdom—too bad that's still weeks away. In this haze of exhaustion and achievement, plans are made to take better notes, read before class and go to the library more often. Every student sincerely intends never to allow such a hellish month to happen again. Maybe this time, we say, a genuine effort will be made. But like that January gym membership, resolutions only last so long. Just don't complain the next time you're gouging your eyes out before a morning final, because I for one know that it'll all get done in the end.

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A lot of the team members here believe in ourselves to run well at Nationals. This team knows we don't want to get our asses kicked at Nationals.

As a team veteran I'd like to say we are confident in teammates and ourselves—and not in the next cross-country article in the *Gateway*. We have a lot of support to do well and are very thankful to the people that do support us. There's a lot of magic on this team to do something great.

IAN MANYFINGERS
Native Studies III

Defamation defined

As a clarification to Ryan Hansen's letter (7 November) stating, "I believe the degree of slandering you've just dealt out was uncalled for": the correct term instead of slander is libel. Slander is spoken and libel is for when defamation is printed (which the article was).

SHERMIE AU
Law I

Don't knock losing until you try it, Prusakowski

After reading your article "QB's football team's weakest Linke" (31 October), it is quite obvious why you are writing about the Bears football team and not suiting up for them, like Linke and Armstrong are. You clearly have no understanding as to the number of factors that go into playing a football game, nonetheless putting together an entire team. To put the blame of the past or the success of the future on the shoulders of two individual athletes is ludicrous, especially in a team sport like football (there's no "I" in team or in "football").

I agree that the quarterback is an important piece of the puzzle; however, it is by no means the only piece. And although these two quarterbacks may still have room for improvement, let's not forget that they are student-athletes, not professionals, and they are doing the best that they can. Your article seemed to be a personal attack rather than a reporting of fact, and I think that it was uncalled for.

So the next time you want to be a bully

and lay blame on an individual, do your homework first. Respectful journalism isn't about singling out a few people and ignoring the rest of the facts, especially in a team sport.

DANIELLE BOEHRES
Physical Education V

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LETTERS FROM THE ARCHIVES

More mingling need between gals, fellas

Permit me to discuss briefly a condition existing in residence and to offer a possible remedy for this condition.

There are many resident men who have not been introduced to more than three at most of the women students. Some of these men are in their second year.

If a man has been introduced and wishes to make an appointment, he must stand in the lounge in such a place that he may attract the attention of the women as they flock through the lounge on their way upstairs from the dining room.

Perchance some one of the ten members of his table group has dallied with his eating and the man finds that the women have already gone upstairs

when he gets out. He must then fall back on the telephone and in an open corridor at a time when the phone is usually busy and when even if it is not, the corridor is so crowded as to make conversation by phone very difficult he must do the best he can.

The lounge, which is the logical meeting place, is being sadly neglected. Three nights a week are given to the men and three to the women, and all of the opposite sex are barred each night. Why not allow two evenings each week for men and women in common?

The chief difficulty of the committee arranging for reception would be almost wiped out and indirectly this would have an important hearing on the proposed "Dutch treat" system for social functions.

WMF
14 February, 1918

From the Archives is a semi-regular feature where the Gateway runs historical letters that we feel are of particular importance—or are just really hilarious.



LAURIE BLAKEMAN MLA

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Our country's other heroes deserve recognition as well



PATRICK ROSS

On 10 March 2005, the University of Alberta's Butterdome hosted a memorial for four police officers slain seven days earlier in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. Police officers from across Canada and the United States, representatives of the Alberta provincial government, the federal government, and ordinary citizens packed the building to capacity for an emotional service that was broadcasted Canada-wide on CBC.

It was a service that none who were present are likely ever to forget. Tears flowed as tribute was paid to the fallen officers Peter Schiemann, Lionide Johnston, Anthony Gordon and Brock Myrol. "It was a moving ceremony," remarked then-University president Rod Fraser. "[It] really touched the hearts of everyone here."

Similarly, Canadians gather annually, every 11 November, to pay tribute to the military personnel who have fallen while serving their country and making "the ultimate sacrifice." This is one of our country's most important traditions. Remembrance Day serves as a yearly opportunity to honour the sacrifices these individuals have made to preserve our way of life.

Honouring the police officers—as well as firefighters and emergency medical technicians—who have made the same sacrifice needs to be made an entrenched tradition as well. Canada's fallen police officers and firefighters deserve an annual day of remembrance, and they deserve that day to hold the importance imparted on a national holiday.

Much like the soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty, Canada's slain police officers, firefighters and paramedics have made a commitment to preserving our way of life.

In 1998, the federal government proclaimed that the last Sunday of September will be Police and Peace Officer's National Memorial Day. This is a step in the right direction, but it's not enough. Canada's firefighters and paramedics have no such government-mandated national day of remembrance, nor do they have a national monument—and each deserves both.

Much like the soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty, Canada's slain police officers, firefighters and para-

medics have made a commitment to preserving our way of life. In their own way, these individuals have enlisted to fight in a day-to-day war against violence, disorder and distress. The freedoms, safety and security we enjoy in our daily lives is owed as much to these individuals as to those who fight our country's battles abroad.

As you read this, Canadians soldiers are on duty in Afghanistan, helping to preserve a fledgling democracy from a foe determined to reimpose an oppressive regime on its people. When their tour of duty ends, or the mission is finally accomplished, they will come home. But Canada's peace officers, firefighters and paramedics remain on duty 24/7. The tour of duty they serve lasts a lifetime—their mission is unending. As long as we are endangered by our fellow citizens or by the common (or uncommon) hazards of daily life, they will be needed. Hopefully, they will always be available answer the call.

On a more fickle note, such a day of remembrance would satisfy the demands of many Canadians for an extra long weekend—in February perhaps, or March or June. Of the potential dates, perhaps 3 March—the anniversary of the Mayerthorpe massacre—would be the most suitable.

These details, however, are immaterial. Those who have fallen while serving in the Canadian military have their Remembrance Day for good reason. Those who make the same sacrifice on the home front deserve no less.

Pay poppy its due



MEGAN CLEAVELEY

The poppy is a symbol of great importance and respect that first gained significance through John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields." Not only did poppies grow and bloom on the battlefields of Flanders in World War I, but their colour was also meant to symbolize bloodshed. This is why it was chosen as a symbol of remembrance for soldiers who sacrificed their lives at war.

There are some that believe the poppy is a pro-war symbol and that those who wear them are therefore also pro-war. But wearing the poppy is simply about appreciating what so many young men did for us when we needed it most.

If you are someone so opposed to war that you can't bring yourself to wear a red poppy, there are alternatives out there for you. Some people choose to wear a white poppy with a green centre reading "peace," not only to remember victims of all wars, but to hope for peace and an end to war. This was started by the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1933, when they started to become politically involved in peace activism.

This poppy still shows respect for those who fought while protesting the nature of war in general. Another option is to wear a black poppy like

those produced by the organization People Against Global Imperialism. This seems slightly less respectful than the white poppy, however, which supports soldiers while still working towards peace.

A lot of people wear a poppy because of tradition, without quite realizing the significance. And for a long time, I was the same way. Then, when I was in high school, we had a WWII veteran come speak to us at a Remembrance Day assembly. Seeing an old man stand in front of gym full of students and talk candidly about the war and seeing his friends die was a moving experience. Even more moving was when he said that seeing all of us today, he would go back and do it all over again.

That assembly stuck a chord with me, and made me truly realize the significance of the red poppy, and why it is important as a symbol of acknowledgment and respect.

And a symbol of respect it should stay. Respect means pinning your poppy to your lapel, collar or, at the very least, to the left of your zipper on your jacket. It shows appreciation for those who fought and those who perished. And while the absence of a poppy isn't necessarily disrespectful, wearing it somewhere else is on your person is.

The poppy carries a lot of significance, and it's extremely lacking in respect to pin it to your hat or your book bag. So wear your poppy over your heart, and not as a fashion accessory. All the soldiers who have died over the years deserve better, and the veterans that are still alive will appreciate it.

THE BURLAP SACK

Summer is over, and thankfully the horrors of Crocs sandals are leaving with it. These obnoxiously coloured, hole-riddled chucks of devil-foam will be gone from our streets once more and banished to the realm of hospital halls. But beware, because with the beginnings of winter comes a whole new monster: Uggs boots.

In case you've been trapped in a SAAN store for the last couple of years, these unfortunately named affronts to fashion make their wearers look as though they've just stepped on a family of endangered emus and kept on walking.

They may be warm but that doesn't make them any less ugly. Poorly constructed and shapeless, these are slippers that someone decided would be acceptable to wear outside. Dying them pink or baby blue doesn't make them any less hideous.

So can all the campus Ugg owners please step forward, form an orderly line and enter the sack for their beating? Maybe while you're in there you'll realize that while they weren't fashionable last year, they haven't magically come back in style this year. And while you're at it, maybe you should take your Crocs in there with you.

KELSEY TANASIUK

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered—although that would be pretty rad if they were, don't you think?



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Clash of the Titans

AS PREMIER RALPH KLEIN is set to step down by the end of the year, the race to replace the leader of the Progressive Conservatives is in full swing. Eight candidates are vying for the position, travelling to each corner of the province in an effort to garner support for the 25 November vote. From the campaign trail, the candidates took the time to tell the *Gateway* about their plans for postsecondary education.

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Dave Hancock

Law degree (U of A)

MLA (1997-Present)

Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Minister of Advanced Education

DAVE HANCOCK resigned from his post as minister of advanced education in April, leaving the announcement of a new tuition policy up in the air to pursue leadership of the Alberta PCs. And though the new policy was announced last week, the Edmonton-Whitemud MLA has a different vision than the current ministry to create a more affordable postsecondary system.

“What I’ve proposed is that we actually pay the first year of tuition for all students, provided they complete their course,” Hancock says.

Not only will this funding help bridge the funding gap for students, but Hancock says it will also encourage transition from high school to postsecondary.

“You still need to have the student finance system in place to assist people to finance the process, but if they know that upon completion they get, in essence, the complete onus of their first year of tuition, that’s a major incentive,” Hancock says.

Hancock also suggested that Alberta postsecondary graduates who work in the province for three years after finishing their program should receive a tax credit equivalent to 20 per cent of the cost of their education, to be met over the following five years. To encourage rural students, he suggested the same tax credit, to be met over the course of three years for those living and working outside the Edmonton and Calgary areas.

“Education is the best investment an individual can make,” Hancock says. “So you should be able to write off the defined cost of your

education.”

He says that the passing of Bill 40 in the spring, which took tuition out of legislation and put it into regulation, wasn’t necessary and that it “diverted the whole process by raising a trust issue instead of getting people working together, resolving the real issue.”

“It was a government bill and I placed my arguments in caucus,” Hancock says. “I don’t think I was there to vote on that bill—probably purposely.”

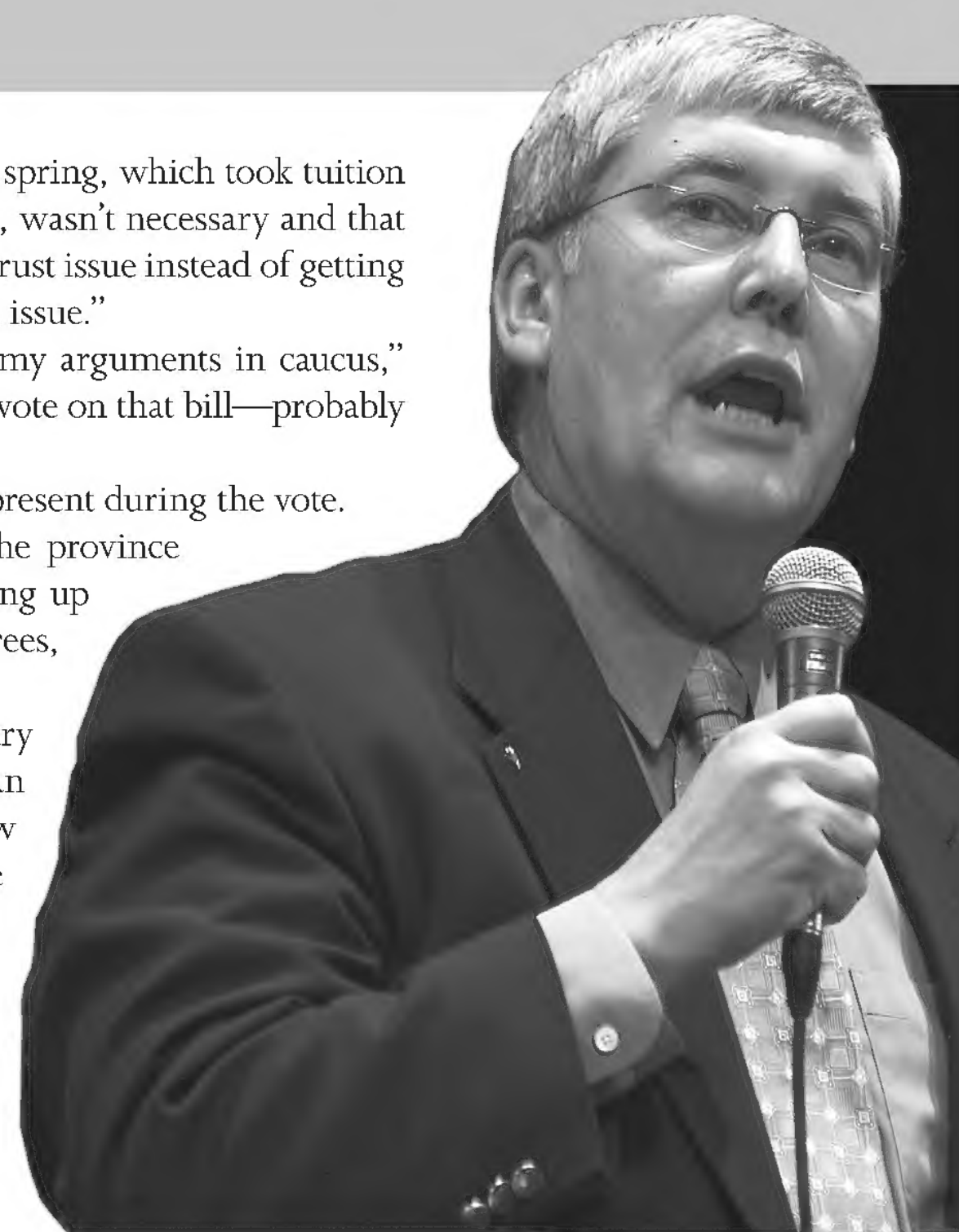
Legislature records show that he wasn’t present during the vote.

Hancock says that the universities in the province have been doing a “great job” of partnering up with colleges in rural areas to offer degrees, and that this trend needs to continue.

“What we know is that the postsecondary education level is lower in rural Alberta than it is in urban Alberta—and it’s way too low in all of Alberta—so we need to get those opportunities out there.”

The government has promised to create 60 000 new student spaces by 2020, and Hancock intends to follow through on that promise.

“The only question in my mind is if that’s going far enough fast enough.”



Jim Dinning

Bachelor of Commerce (Queen’s)

MA in Public Administration (Queen’s)

MLA (1986-97)

Minister of Community and Occupational Health

Minister of Education

Provincial Treasurer

JIM DINNING doesn’t currently hold a seat in the Legislature but he’s one of the leading candidates for the PC leadership race with over 30 Tory MLAs in his camp, including Minister of Advanced Education Denis Herard. He says the new tuition policy announced last Friday—which will see the 2004/05 tuition levels that students pay now increase by CPI starting in 2007—is moving down the right path.

“I think that’s a fair share,” Dinning says. “My sense is that the actual cost of a university or college education is going up in excess of CPI, so over time the student’s actual percentage contribution will at worst stay flat, and at best begin to drop.”

Despite the passing of Bill 40 in April, Dinning is confident that any subsequent changes to the new policy will take student input into consideration.

“You’ve got a minister of advanced education who has made a solemn promise, and I would back up that promise—that he would consult with and reach out far and wide to get the most amount of input in the tuition policy,” Dinning says. “Denis Herard has done exactly that [so far]. He is a man of his word and I trust him.”

Dinning says that the policy has modernized the student finance system, “recognizing real costs, not nostalgic, ten-years-ago costs” of an education that extend beyond tuition to include the day-to-day living costs, such as books, transportation and housing.

Dinning is also supporting Herard’s intention to have Alberta step down from the Canadian Student Loan Program, which currently administers 60 per cent of loans, so that the province can have full control of the program—something he says will give the government greater flexibility in the remittance of loans.

He also believes that additional student spaces need to be distributed beyond Edmonton and Calgary to serve rural students in the province’s colleges, preventing the additional cost of having the students leave their communities for Alberta’s urban centres.

“I’m not an expert in this area, so I’m not going to say X per cent to Edmonton, Y per cent to Calgary and Z per cent elsewhere. There are smart people in the province who have got to sit down and work together to decide where those investments need to be made.”



Ed Stelmach

MLA (1993–Present)
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Transportation
Minister of International and Intergovernmental Affairs



ED STELMACH may not have a university degree, but with over a decade of experience in the legislature, the MLA for Fort Saskatchewan–Vegreville wants to make postsecondary education a priority.

“I can assure you that as premier, not only will postsecondary have a much higher standing in Cabinet, but I will ensure that all ministers reflect my style of leadership, and that is thoughtful, inclusive and rational decision-making,” Stelmach says.

Particularly concerned with the costs incurred by rural students who have to leave their homes to study in the city, Stelmach proposes improving upon the use of distance education and college transfer programs, which helps students stay in their communities longer.

“I’m going to make every effort to push out as much of the introductory courses to smaller communities, those that have the infrastructure through the latest technology, especially the SuperNet.” The SuperNet connects isolated communities with broadband Internet at a uniform rate.

He notes that distance education is especially important for adult students who want stay in their communities while acquiring technical or professional training.

Believing that each area of the province has different needs, Stelmach says that while the south of the province has universities in Calgary and Lethbridge, Edmonton draws from a larger student base in the north. Before distributing new student spaces, he says that “we have to have a good look at the size of the population and where the students are coming from.”

“I’ve always found balance as minister of infrastructure and transportation and I will continue to do that by ways of ensuring that every, every part of Alberta is treated equitably,” he says.

Though he voted in favour of Bill 40, Stelmach explains that this doesn’t prevent discussions surrounding tuition, but simply makes the policy easier to amend.

“I supported it; putting it into regulation allows the government to bring about changes in the overall tuition policy without coming back to the House all the time.”

Ted Morton

MLA (2004–Present)

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Colorado College)
MA in Political Science (U of T)
PhD in Political Science (U of T)

TED MORTON, MLA for Foothills–Rocky View, may be better known for his work in academia, studying and teaching at a handful of universities and colleges in Canada and the US.

When it comes to administering Alberta Centennial Scholarships—a \$21 million endowment fund created last year, which gives \$2005 to 25 postsecondary students in each of the provinces and territories in celebration of the Alberta’s centennial year—Morton suggests limiting the scholarship to students studying in Alberta.

“I would still let it be available to Canadian students in other provinces but it would have to be held at an Alberta university or college, so that we could recruit to bring the best and the brightest from around Canada to come to Alberta to study for one year,” Morton explains. “That way, it would fulfill the goal of sharing our centennial with other provinces, but there would be something in it positive for Alberta universities and Alberta.”

Morton voted in favour of Bill 40 and says that the announcement of the new tuition policy is satisfactory for the time being.

“As a policy for the next year or two, I think the policy announced last week to index tuition to inflation is acceptable,” he says.

Still, he suggests that universities and colleges need to build up endowment funds, which “would create an additional stream of operating income.”

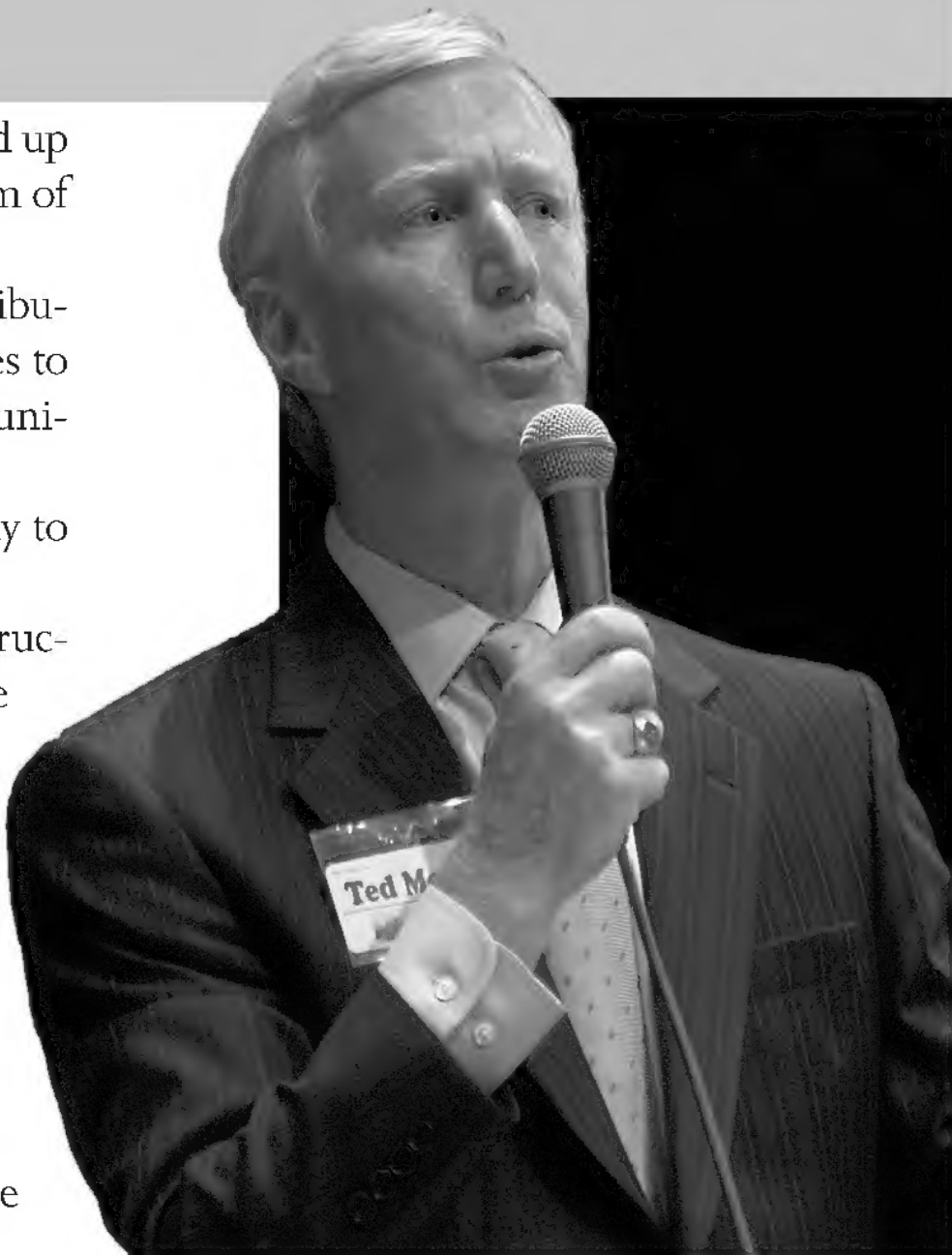
“I’ve committed to a program of matching private contributions—one private dollar to one government dollar that goes to endowments. That’s the longer term approach to keeping universities affordable,” Morton says.

He went on to say that using technology can go a long way to increase efficiency in both colleges and universities.

“I would create some incentives for more web-based instruction and we could get more spaces, more education out of the existing budget and resources,” he says. “I had websites for all of my courses before left the university for politics.”

Morton wants to support and expand upon existing distance education programs, as well as community colleges across the province. However, he’s cautious about converting colleges into universities to create more degree spaces.

“When you convert from a college to a university, the university faculty can be paid more and do less teaching, so I’m worried that that would make the access issue worse rather than better,” he says.



Lyle Oberg

MLA (1993–Present)
Minister of Family and Social Services
Minister of Learning
Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation



LYLE OBERG spent ten years practicing medicine as a family physician and general practitioner in rural Alberta before leaving the profession behind to enter politics in 1993.

Oberg, a former minister of learning, explains that the provincial government and the taxpayers currently pay roughly 75 per cent of a student’s education. The father of four, who has three of his children in university today, thinks the method works.

“I think it’s fair that I pay 25 per cent,” Oberg says. “I think it’s a very good deal that someone is going to pay 75 per cent of my children’s tuition.”

Still, he conceded that not everyone can afford that 25 per cent up front, suggesting that student loans become accessible to everyone for tuition regardless of parental income.

Records from the Alberta Legislature show that Oberg wasn’t present to vote on Bill 40, however, the MLA for Strathmore–Brooks is not keen on the bill.

“It should be in legislation. It should not have been taken out of legislation and put into regulation,” Oberg says.

And while there’s a demand for more student spaces at Alberta’s universities, Oberg is not in favour of transforming colleges into universities.

“All of our colleges have really filled a niche throughout the province,” Oberg says. “For example, Mount Royal College has done an excellent job on diplomas and certificates, and I would hate to see them lose that.”

He went on to say that colleges would see the hours of instruction go down quite significantly and that class sizes would increase dramatically if they moved towards university status. Instead of increasing the number of universities in the province, Oberg says it would be better to increase funding at the current universities to help them grow. His platform suggests creating 30 000 new spaces at colleges and universities in the province by 2012.

However, Oberg did encourage universities to continues programs that enable rural colleges to grant degrees through partnerships with universities

“Our colleges are quite spread out all over the province, so there’s pretty good access to our local colleges right now,” he says, adding that rural colleges decreases the living expenses of students who live in those communities.